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Report: PA intensifying activity in Jerusalem

By STEVE RODAN

The Palestinian Authority has declared "a limited war" against the authorities in Jerusalem, stepping up illegal construction and purchasing property, and establishing alternative educational, legal, and police services for Arabs, a report by one of Israel's security services says.

The report says the PA efforts are aimed at eroding Israeli rule in Arab neighborhoods through intimidation and incitement against government policy. It says that illegal Arab construction has increased since the launch of the Har Homa con-

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struction project.

The PA, the report says, is attempting to create an alternative Palestinian rule by strengthening Palestinian institutions in east Jerusalem and in the municipal area. This includes establishing a Jerusalem governorate in A-Ram, courts in Abu Dis and Bir Naballah, an education department in A-Ram, the appointment of a PA commander for the Jerusalem district, and the construction of buildings for PA intelligence in Abu Dis.

"Palestinian activity in Jerusalem has gone into high gear in recent months, and we can see signs of the declaration of a limited war in Jerusalem," the report says. "At this stage, [PA officials] are avoiding a frontal war with Israel but they are dealing with weak targets."

These targets include Arab land dealers, city officials, professionals, and employees of Israeli institutions in east Jerusalem.

In addition, the PA has stepped up the purchase of real estate. The effort is being directed by PA leader Yasser Arafat and appears to be focused on the Old City, which has been neglected by Palestinians over the last decade. Many have left the area.

The report says PA officials recently bought buildings in the Old City, and are trying to buy the New Imperial Hotel near the Jaffa Gate.

The PA is also trying to raise money for construction in east Jerusalem. Investors being targeted are Palestinian businessmen and those from Morocco and the Gulf states. Funds have been established in several Arab countries. In Morocco, one such fund, The Jerusalem Treasury, was established in March, with a goal of raising \$500 million under the patronage of King Hassan.

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He's our man

Students at Boys' Town Jerusalem hoist Christoph Meili, the Swiss bank-guard who prevented records of Nazi-confiscated Jewish property from being destroyed, during an award ceremony at the school yesterday. Story, Page 5.

(Brian Hendler)

Right-wing MKs threaten to quit coalition

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

While Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is examining ways of solving the Ras al-Amud crisis, Knesset members of the Land of Israel Front are threatening to quit the coalition if the new Jewish settlers in the Arab neighborhood are evacuated.

MK Moshe Peled of Tsomet, who has joined the settlers, said

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"evacuating Jews in the Land of Israel and especially in Jerusalem is a red line for us. We shall have to consider carefully whether we can continue to support a government which decides to evacuate them."

MK Michael Kleiner of Gesher, the spokesman for the Land of Israel, said "we won't agree to have those families evacuated. We won't support a government which moves them in violation of the law."

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon also opposed evacuating the settlers, warning that

such a move would be perceived as caving in to pressure and have dangerous implications for Israel's relations with the Palestinian Authority.

"Moving the settlers at this stage would be a grave error. It would prove that Israel can be pressured by threats of terrorism. It's the right of every person in a democratic state to live wherever he bought a house or land," Sharon said.

He added that Ras al-Amud was part of Jerusalem and said it was only natural that "a Jew would be able to live anywhere in Jerusalem."

National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Portat warned Netanyahu "not to dare uproot the new settlers. That would be tantamount to uprooting a settlement in Eretz Yisrael and we won't be able to put up with it. We will be there in the thousands to prevent the evacuation."

MK Zvi Hendel of the NRP said "a government which ignores wholesale and illegal Arab construction in Jerusalem, while at the same time picks on Jews, who bought a home facing the Mount of Olives legally, is not worthy of being called a national government and it is doubtful whether it should continue to exist."

Gov't seeks Ras al-Amud solution

PM cancels trip to Europe

By JAY BUSHINSKY

there. Because of the crisis, Netanyahu

An emergency meeting at the Prime Minister's office yesterday resulted in a series of interim decisions to deal with the Ras al-Amud crisis, among them the appointment of Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to head the team of officials dealing with the move of Jewish settlers into the neighborhood.

At virtually the same time, Irving Moskowitz, the Miami-based millionaire who owns the property in question, conferred with his lawyers and advisers. Moskowitz took part in a mezuza-affixing ceremony at the site last night.

Kahalani is expected to visit the site today and to meet Moskowitz

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canceled his trip to Vienna, which was to have included stopovers in Bucharest and Budapest.

Briefing journalists, Netanyahu said he preferred not to give any details of the possibilities being examined, but noted the legal issue is extremely complex and the scope of calculations "very broad."

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Red Cross optimistic on Lebanese-Israeli body exchange

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Mediation between Lebanon and Israel on swapping remains of IDF soldiers for Lebanese prisoners could soon produce "positive results," an International Committee of Red Cross official said yesterday.

"I expect positive results soon if things go on the way they are now," Jean Jacques Fresard, ICRC chief in Lebanon told reporters after a meeting with Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Fresard said he delivered an Israeli message concerning the

exchange of remains of the naval commandos killed 11 days ago. He said he had received a Lebanese response, but didn't say what it was.

This was the second Israeli message Fresard has conveyed to Lebanon in the past few days. He said he could not give details without compromising his mission.

Hizbullah, which has some of the remains, said its officials met with the ICRC, but gave no other details.

"We held a meeting today with the ICRC, the negotiation process is still going on, but I do not want to give more details," a Hizbullah spokesman said.

Iranian President Mohammed Khatami said that Beirut could count on Tehran's support in the fight against Israel.

Michael Yudelman adds: Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu told students at Tel Aviv's Ironi Tet high school that he would have been willing to leave Lebanon "the day before yesterday, not yesterday," if he could have been sure there would be no cross-border attacks on Israeli settlements.

He said that a withdrawal can take place "as soon as we know that our exit will not lead to Lebanon's entrance into the northern Galilee."

"We've been in Lebanon almost 20 years. To get out, we need someone to take our place. Otherwise, Hizbullah will enter the security zone and shoot at the northern settlements."

"The Arab world wants us to evacuate occupied territories, and we want to leave Lebanon. But there is someone preventing us from doing it, and he seems to have an interest in keeping us there," Netanyahu added.



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Closure eased

The IDF yesterday relaxed the closure by allowing 3,000 Palestinian merchants into Israel in addition to 1,000 already allowed in. Another 1,000 olive pickers are permitted past the roadblocks, while 200 Palestinian Authority workers are also allowed to travel between Gaza and the West Bank. *Itim*

High Court authorizes GSS use of force

The High Court of Justice yesterday granted the General Security Service authorization to use physical pressure in the investigation of a man believed to have information about plans for further suicide attacks.

GSS agents told the court, in camera, they believe that Raji Saba, of Beit Omar, is a member of an Izzadin al-Kassam terrorist cell that planned suicide bombings and that his information could help to prevent the attacks.

But the court cautioned that the attorney-general would have to check that the interrogation did not go beyond the "moderate physical force" permitted by the Landau Commission that looked into the issue. *Basheva Tsur*

Infant hurt in bombing out of hospital

Tami Kaufman, the six-month-old injured in the Rehov Ben-Yehuda suicide bombings, was released from Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital yesterday. Her parents, Ora and Yossi, were also released. *Itim*

Katsav rescinds jubilee post resignation

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday agreed to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's request and rescinded his resignation as the minister responsible for the 50th anniversary celebrations. He had resigned several weeks ago over differences with Yossi Peled, the head of the non-profit organization organizing the celebration. *Itim*

Tourism offices receiving many complaints

Over the past six months, Government Tourist Offices abroad have received an unprecedented number of complaints about the attitude towards tourists here, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav told a conference of European office representatives in London yesterday. Tourism Ministry spokeswoman Orly Doron said that many of the complaints related to conditions at Ben-Gurion Airport, including security checks, but also to taxis. Until half a year ago, she said, there had been hardly any such complaints. *Haim Shapiro*

Local cow holds record in milk production

Her name is Arafela, she lives on Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv, and she's been busy. The black-and-white cow is believed to hold the world record for milk production - 170,000 liters over a 19-year career, kibbutz dairy manager Yossi Glazner said yesterday. Arafela - whose name, loosely translated, means "foggy" - has given birth a dozen times, survived Foot and Mouth disease and a series of accidents. Next week she'll be the star attraction at an international dairy farmers' conference here. Glazner said he knows of two other cows, one in Canada and one in Sweden, who are nearly as prolific. *AP*

Moratinos due to hold talks in Cairo today

By JAY BUSHINSKY

European Union peace envoy Miguel Moratinos is due to confer in Cairo today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa before proceeding to the US for talks on the impact of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's recent tour of the Middle East. Moratinos' efforts as a roving intermediary between Israel, Syria, and the Palestinian Authority have been coordinated with Egypt and the US. This explains his current itinerary.

However, remarks attributed to him in Monday's *The Jerusalem Post* were categorically denied yesterday by his spokesman, Christophe Farnaud. The spokesman referred to a meeting between Moratinos and Foreign Minister David Levy at which the EU envoy reportedly said the EU does not see eye-to-eye with France regarding the peace process.

"The ambassador said nothing about France or Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine," Farnaud said.

A version obtained from authoritative sources prompted a report to the effect that the EU's current evaluation of the regional peace process differs from that of France. This, in turn, was based on a statement made by Vedrine at a Socialist Party meeting.

Vedrine was quoted by Agence France Presse as having said "There no longer is a peace process, no longer any dynamism or perspective." Vedrine said the peace process

has been "broken," and pinned the blame on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The French Embassy in Tel Aviv circulated these excerpts from an interview with Vedrine broadcast on Europe 1 on Monday:

Q: Didn't you go too far, weren't your remarks over the top, personal, and perhaps unfair?

Vedrine: Judging from the reactions, I don't get that impression. On the contrary, I feel that I have been understood. I spoke with regret. I'm sorry I had to say it, but I called a spade a spade and virtually everyone responded by saying that, sadly, it was true.

Q: You've tended to come under criticism in Israel and sometimes in Paris, for not having an evenhanded attitude, i.e. having one which no longer allows France to play a mediating role?

Vedrine: It seems to me that the protagonists aren't really looking for mediators, and, secondly, in a friendship, plain speaking is a duty.

Q: Are you, for example, asking Yasser Arafat to make a greater effort to find and crack down on the terrorists?

Vedrine: Obviously, that goes without saying. When people say that the peace process must be revived, we are saying the same thing. How do you expect Yasser Arafat to be able to combat terrorism more effectively when about 30 percent of Palestinians sympathize with Hamas which expresses their despair and frustration?

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The family

Palestinians warn of violence if Jews remain in Ras al-Amud

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Palestinian Authority, escalating its rhetoric against the Netanyahu government, raised the specter of Arab riots today unless Israel removed the three Jewish families from Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud neighborhood.

"The PA officially holds the Israeli government responsible for any development that will take place unless the settlers are evicted in the coming hours," PA Local Authorities Minister Saeb Erekat told the Palestinian Legislative Council yesterday during its session in Ramallah.

Erekat and other PA officials said they now suspect that Netanyahu knew of the plans by the Jewish families to enter into a building bought by Miami philanthropist Irving Moskowitz.

They said that for more than a day they, in coordination with Israel, have ensured calm among the Palestinians in and around Jerusalem. But, they added their ability to impose restraint is limited.

"This is a planned step which is not as innocent as the Israeli government would like to show," Erekat said.

The minister said the PA has raised the issue with the US, European Union, Russia and the Arab states in an effort to force Israel to evi-

uate the Jews from their new home. He said that for the first time the Arabs have formed a united position that supports the Palestinians and the PA.

PLC speaker Ahmed Qurei [Abu Ala] supported the PA position.

"What's happened at Ras al-Amud is a dangerous step," he said.

Salah Taamari, a PLC member from Bethlehem, warned that the Israelis and Palestinians are moving toward a violent confrontation because of what he called Israeli settlement activity and the continued IDF closure of the territories. He asked PA representatives for a response to the closure and what he called the nightly arrests by Israeli forces of

suspected Islamic militants in the Bethlehem area.

"Does the PA have a plan to confront the closure and settlement activity?" he asked. "Until now, the PA does not have an emergency committee to compensate the Palestinian farmers whose produce was ruined this year because of the closure." The council session was scheduled to discuss the visit of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Many of the PLC members sounded skeptical concerning the optimistic assessments expressed by PA officials, who acknowledged that an agenda has not been agreed upon in the discussions scheduled for Washington next week between Israeli and Palestinian delegations and State Department envoys.

Some of the council members appeared upset over the continuing arrests of Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants. PLC member Nabil Amro, Hebron, said the PA must review its relations with Hamas after officials pledged to fight terrorism.

The call by Amro prompted an angry response from Bethlehem's Bishara Dawood, who demanded that the Hebronite stop using the word terrorism in the council. "This is the vocabulary of Israeli bulldozers that constructs settlements and is not meant for others to use," he said.

PA to US: We're fighting terror

In the interest of persuading Washington to come ahead with funding, Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat has decided to try to convince Congress that he is battling Islamic terrorism, PA officials said yesterday.

A select group of US journalists are to be allowed into PA prisons to interview inmates recently detained on suspicion of involvement in plots to wage attacks against Israel.

A CBS television crew has plans to interview one detainee for a forthcoming "60 Minutes" program, a source at CBS said.

PA officials said their State Department

counterparts said that they must convince Congress that the authority is fighting terrorism to obtain \$100 million in funding that was shelved in Washington.

Meanwhile, PA officials wouldn't comment yesterday on the reported arrests of four Palestinians suspected of being tied to a plot to assassinate Arafat.

Senior security officials also asked journalists not to report the arrests which some reporters confirmed on Monday.

"I don't think that security issues are a matter of news," Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani told the *Jerusalem Post* and M.N.

The country's newest pilgrimage spot

By HERS KENON

Dozens of plastic Israeli flags were strung from a five-meter high antenna atop the disputed house in Ras al-Amud yesterday, conjuring up images of the mast of a ship. On the second day of its journey, this particular ship continued to stir up dangerous and unfriendly waters.

"It is ours, all of it is ours," shouted Jerusalem kollel student Emanuel Anaki at a Palestinian woman passing by. "The playground will be there," he said, pointing to an empty lot. "The synagogue there."

The woman stopped and shouted back in Arabic, until she was escorted away by a policewoman.

The second day of the Ras al-Amud saga, taking place in the shadow of the Temple Mount, was similar to the first: lots of press, lots of MKs, lots of supporters, lots of detractors, lots of curses, yet, fortunately, precious little action.

In fact, escorting people in various directions was the riot police force's primary activity throughout the day. They escorted Peace Now activists to a protest tent set up right next to the controversial home; they escorted Palestinians living in the area quickly past the door of their new neighbors; and they escorted Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel on a fact-finding mission around the grounds.

Ras al-Amud, like Hebron prior to the IDF withdrawal last winter, and Har Homa prior to the rolling of the bulldozers in the spring, has quickly become this country's newest pilgrimage spot.

Among yesterday's pilgrims were Haim Ve'kayam's Yehuda Ezion, a leading activist in the movement to establish a Jewish presence on the Temple Mount, and Hillel Horwitz, a veteran Hebron settler. Hadash's Hashem



Israeli and Palestinian protesters demonstrate at Ras al-Amud yesterday as border policemen stand in front of them. (Reuters)

Mahmud came for a look around, as did Gush Shalom's Uri Avnery. It was a veritable "Who's Who" of the extreme ends of the political map. "The rational middle," quipped one observer, "will stay far away."

The dominant presence that hovered over the street throughout the day was not Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, although everyone was waiting to see what he would do, but rather Irving Moskowitz, the Miami-based doctor whose purchase of the home made the drama possible. The very mention of his name drew either praise or contempt, depending, lit-

erally, on where you stood on the street - whether you were near the home, or near Peace Now's tent.

"Israel should only have 20 more like that millionaire," said Eli Alush of Neveh Ya'acov, who said he came to the site because "I go wherever Jews are in trouble."

"People should learn from his example," Alush said, "and pump money into projects like this. One day he will die, but people will look at what he left Jerusalem."

The name Moskowitz evoked a completely different reaction from Meretz MK Anat Maor. "I call on him to go back to Miami, we don't need him here," she said.

"He came to light the fire, and we will be the ones left to pay the price."

That price, warned Hadash's Mahmud, will be a painful one "that we are all going to feel." Mahmud completely dismissed assertions that the furor over three Jewish families moving into the area smacked of racism. "Chairman Arafat has welcomed a group of Jews in Jericho," he said, referring to the Israelis from Mevasseret Zion who received "political asylum" in Jericho last week. "The problem is not that the Palestinians don't want Jews, the problem is that Israel does not

know its borders."

Chaim Silberstein, executive director of the Beit Orot yeshiva on the other side of the Mount of Olives, put a different spin on the issue. Israel knows its borders, Silberstein maintained, and they include all of Jerusalem. The move to Ras al-Amud is an attempt to physically establish these borders before the Palestinian Authority has a chance to do so.

"The fight now is over who will control Jerusalem," Silberstein said. "If we don't now move fast on the ground, the city will not be ours."

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"First we must exhaust all the means for talks with those involved."

While no legal basis was found or proposed at the session to oust the three families, the police were ordered to prevent additional settlers from entering the neighborhood.

Netanyahu conferred with Kalamani, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, and General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, and reiterated the government's opposition to the construction of a Jewish neighborhood there.

However, there was no indication of an immediate solution to the problem.

In preparation for the consultations, Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel went to the site. Earlier, Rubinstein had said that there is a theoretical possibility of evicting the settlers if they pose a danger to public safety. But, he said, this depends on the evidence in the field and the recommendations of the police and other security forces.

Concern was expressed in GSS and police circles about the possibility that the fast-accelerating dispute may be used as a theme to incite Moslem worshippers at Friday's prayers on the Temple Mount.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Prof. Shimon Shetret will speak on: Challenges of Jerusalem.

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In Jordan, the Jerusalem Fund for Development and Investment was launched by the Arab Bank and Palestinian industrialists Abed Almajid Shoman and Muni Masri with \$70 million and a goal of \$200 million.

In addition, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Morocco have pledged millions of dollars to Faisal Hussein, PA minister for Jerusalem affairs.

The report says that Palestinian intelligence has been concentrat-

ing on preventing Israelis from purchasing property in east Jerusalem. PA agents have killed land dealers, intimidated Arabs into selling land to the PA, and organized demonstrations against confiscations by Israel.

In Ras al-Amud, the PA stopped sales of 12 dunams (3 acres) to Jewish investors. In Ramat Rahel, Palestinian security stopped a sale of 30 dunams and in Silwan, 30 dunams.

PA sources in Jerusalem confirmed most of the details in the report. They said that Arafat has made control of Jerusalem a priority over the past year.

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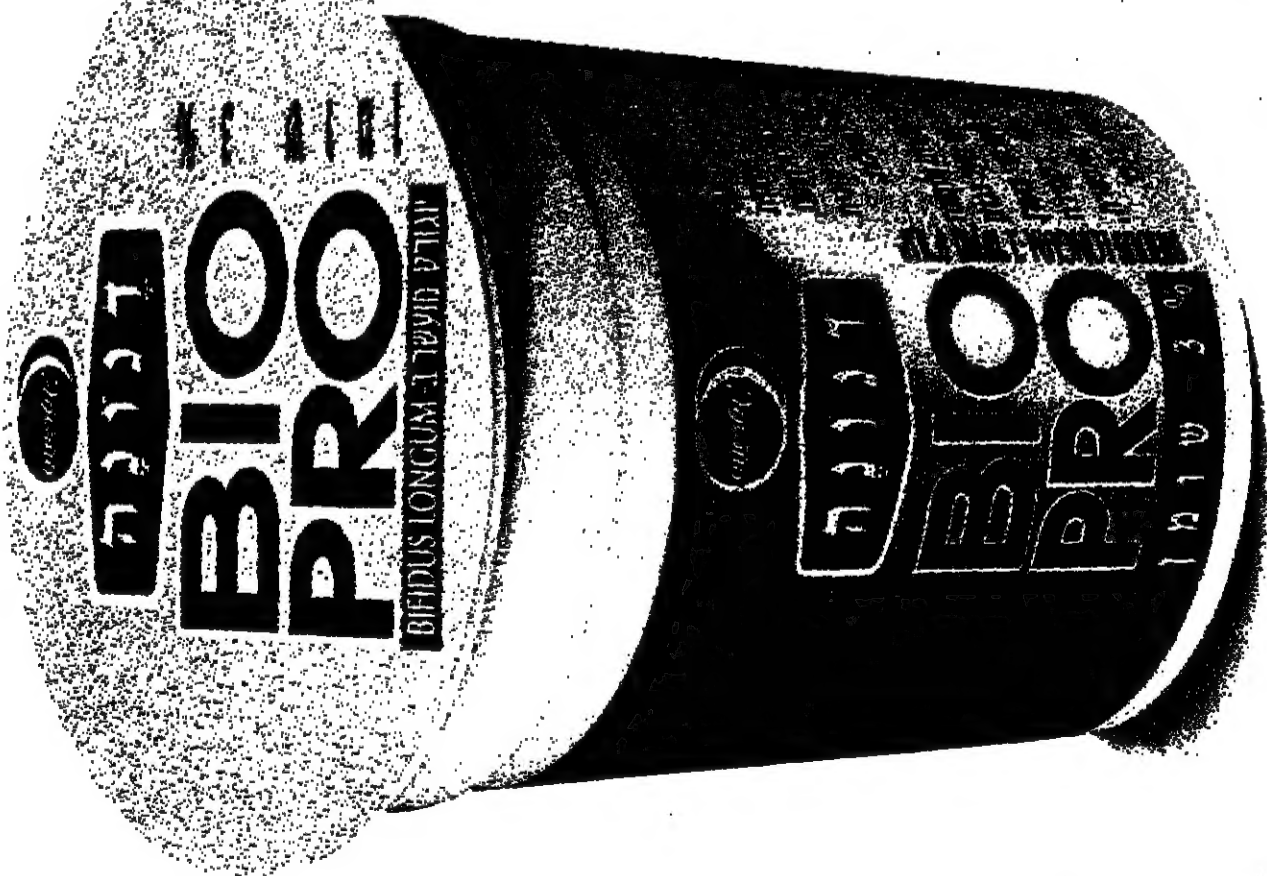
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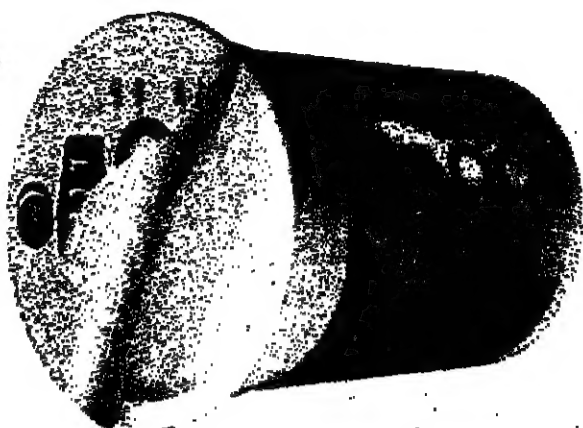
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in brief

Police question 9 Meshulam followers

Nine followers of cult leader Uzi Meshulam were questioned by police yesterday about several recent incidents attributed to the group, including the bombing of Peah Tikva Municipal Court, the damaging of traffic lights at major intersections, and threats to several leading figures in the law enforcement system. *Itm*

Taxi driver quizzed as slaying witness

Taxi driver Eliahu Kadosh, 45, of Haifa, was brought to a Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday and freed on NIS 15,000 bail to house arrest, as a witness in the manslaughter of an elderly handicapped man on Monday.

According to testimony gathered by Haifa Police, a passenger in Kadosh's cab apparently pushed the 78-year-old man to his death, as the victim tried to cross the road in the Neveh Yosef section. The victim was allegedly crossing very slowly, and after being struck, he hit his head on the asphalt and died. The suspect hasn't been caught.

A police representative, F-Sgt. Oshra Ben-Harush, said Kadosh was suspected of obstructing justice. *Itm*

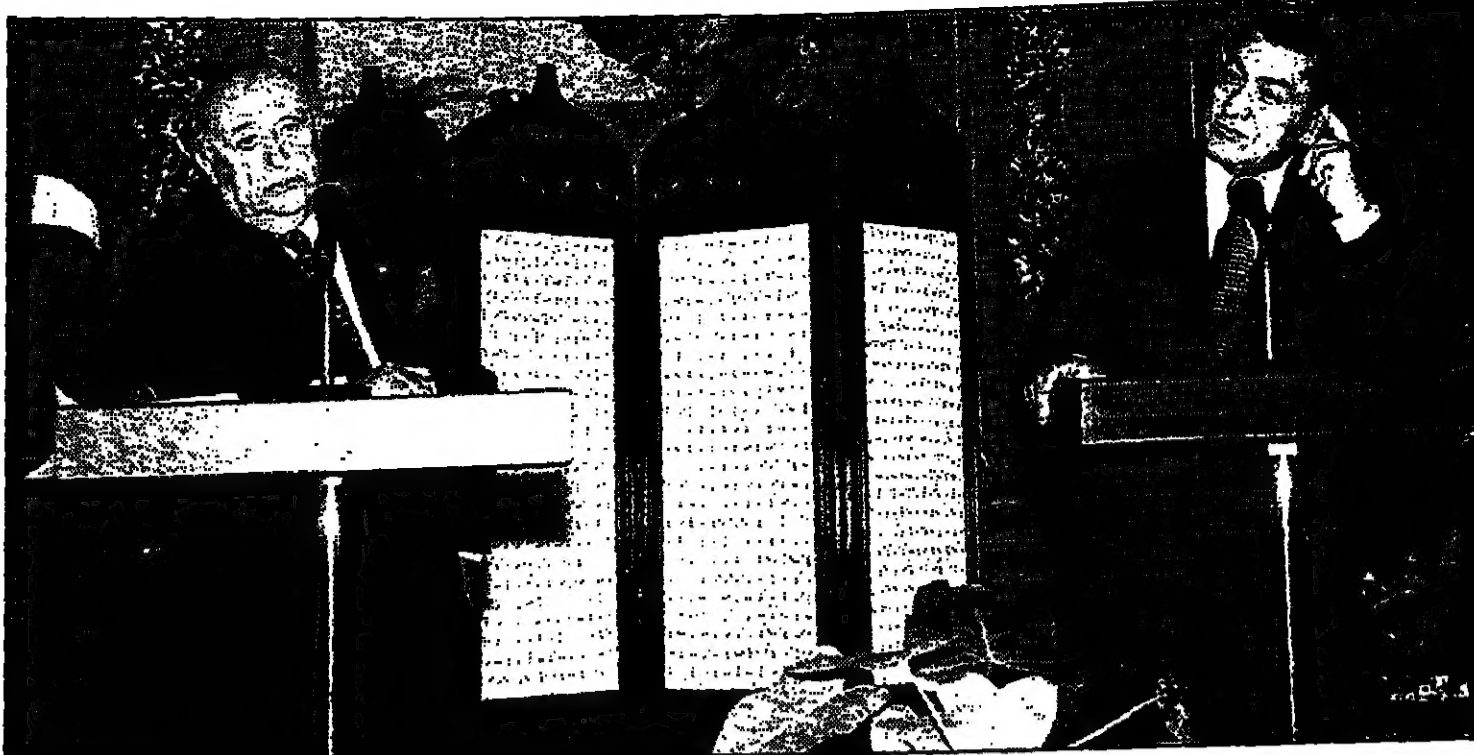
5 development towns contain 1/3 immigrants

A third of the population in the outlying towns of Or Akiva, Sderot, Upper Nazareth, Ma'alot and Karmiel consists of recent immigrants who arrived by 1990, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Figures showed that other development towns, such as Kiryat Gat, Arad, Ofakim and Ashdod are also inhabited by a large number of new arrivals. Relative to these areas, recent immigrants make up a small percent of the population in the large cities, namely, Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Recent arrivals also make up 11% of the overall population. *Jennifer Friedlin*

Fund set up for pupils with unemployed parents

Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer yesterday announced the establishment of a fund to aid pupils whose parents have recently lost their jobs. He said the recent rise in unemployment has brought about a need to help pupils from needy homes pay for books and outings. Hammer also urged principals, teachers, and guidance counselors to discreetly identify pupils who need help. *Artyeh Dean Cohen*



Turkish President Suleyman Demirel (left) and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak hold a news conference in Alexandria yesterday. (Reuters)

Demirel meets with Mubarak

Assures Egypt that Turkish-Israeli ties no threat to Arabs

CAIRO (AP) — Turkish President Suleyman Demirel assured Egypt yesterday that his country's military ties with Israel would not harm the Arab world.

"Turkey's relations with Arab countries are deeply rooted in history," Demirel told a news conference after meeting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Alexandria.

"Our relations with Israel are not against a third country," Demirel said.

"The Arab countries are the brothers of Turkey and we don't have any problems with Arab countries that we need to settle by force. This misunderstanding should be eliminated," Demirel said.

Arab countries have complained about a joint

Turkish-Israeli-US naval exercise planned for November. They allege that the maneuver is designed to give Israel regional military superiority.

Demirel told the *Al-Ahram* daily that the exercise was only practice for search and rescue missions. He invited Arab states to take part.

Mubarak said Demirel had allayed some of his fears. He said he thought the maneuvers would "take place easily and we hope it will not extend to combat exercises in the future."

He said that Egypt wouldn't join the exercise. "We have no intentions of doing so until the problems in the Middle East are resolved."

Demirel also told *Al-Ahram* that he would ask Mubarak to intervene with Syria over

Syria's alleged support for Kurdish separatists in southeastern Turkey.

Mubarak said he would discuss the issue with Syrian President Hafez Assad, who visits Egypt tomorrow.

Syria has denied the allegations, but has asked the Arab League to discuss Turkish-Israeli military cooperation at a foreign ministers meeting Saturday in Cairo.

Egyptian diplomats said before the meeting that Mubarak would ask Demirel about Turkey's repeated incursions into northern Iraq.

In the *Al-Ahram* interview, Demirel said that Turkey's cross-border operations were aimed only at eliminating Kurdish guerrillas.

Levy: Talk of war is dangerous

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Foreign Minister David Levy deplored speculation about an impending guerrilla war between Israel and the Palestinians yesterday and dismissed reports that the IDF was preparing for this eventuality as "harmful" and "superfluous."

"These trumpet blasts of war" are out of step with the diplomatic realities generated by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's talks here as well as those in Damascus and Ramallah, he said.

He referred disparagingly to a series of briefings conducted by senior military officers, including the CO Central Command, Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, as having stirred up unwarranted hysteria in the news media.

"The atmosphere that has been created is not good," he said. It is dangerous. "After dismissing the notion that Israeli forces were preparing to re-enter the cities of Area A, Levy went on to cite the headway made as a result of Albright's visit. These included the relaxation of the closure, transfer of funds to the PA and the series of bilateral and trilateral talks in Washington and New York."

"It would be wrong to seal the tomb of the peace process," he said. "A joint committee has been established to monitor and coordinate the fight against terrorism," he said, noting that American officials are involved in its work. And he rejected the idea that because of the danger of more suicide bombings diplomatic efforts to resuscitate the peace process should be abandoned in favor of an "Apocalypse Now" attitude of political stagnation.

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Jewish homeless in Jericho meet Arafat

By STEVE RODAN

Ten Israeli families who have resented in Jericho said yesterday they met with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and asked him to appeal to Morocco to invite them to live in the kingdom.

The families accused Israeli authorities of discriminating against them as Sephardim and driving them from Mevaseret Zion, where they had been squatting in the town's absorption center for a number of months.

"This is discrimination and that's why we went to President Arafat to send a fax to the king of Morocco," said Shlomo Guzi, one of the Israelis living in Jericho. "We are waiting for an answer. We would welcome going back to Morocco."

The Israelis said they were touched by their meeting with Arafat in Ramallah. "The president was always portrayed to us as a monster," Guzi said. "We met somebody who listened. He wants peace for his people. He kissed the children and said your problem is our problem." Guzi and another Israeli were interviewed by PA radio and television where they were asked whether they would return to their original homes in the Arab world.

"We don't think the discrimination is as bad there as in Israel," Guzi, who was born in Tunisia, said. "I would go to Morocco. My wife is from Morocco."

The Palestinian Authority has invited the Mevaseret squatters, many of them with apartments in Israel, to Jericho and have put them up in a local hotel. The families said they represent another 100 families who want to resettle in PA territory.

NEWSLINE

with Stuart Cohen

Stuart Cohen is a professor of political science at Bar Ilan University and senior research fellow at the BESA Institute

Military sources have warned of the possibility of an outbreak of guerrilla warfare and an escalation in the use of weapons in the territories due to the current stalemate in the peace process. How does an army prepare for guerrilla warfare?

By learning from previous experience gained from the intifada and before that in Lebanon. At that time the IDF's operational behavior was characterized by the fact that units were thrown in, in no coherent order — whatever was available was thrown in.

However, according to Monday's report it appears that the IDF are taking a more systematic approach. When faced with guerrilla warfare, organization is extremely important. The use of border police mentioned in the report is obviously another lesson learned. Guerrilla warfare must be treated as a military and police operation, the goal being to control, pacify and gradually wear down the other side.

During the intifada years the IDF showed a tendency to adopt a 'break their bones' attitude. That was a complete misconception of the situation. Armies don't win guerrilla warfare, the most they hope to achieve is to grind themselves to a standoff situation. The only way to beat a guerrilla is to become one yourself.

Could guerrilla warfare escalate and lead to violent confrontation between Israel and its Arab neighbors?

It would depend on the level of action taking place. There would definitely be a stage where other Arab countries such as Egypt and Jordan would be unable to resist pressure to take some sort of action. For instance they may recall their ambassadors or something like that. Although the possibility should not be overlooked, it is a remote one. But it definitely should not be ignored.

Why was the report announced now?

Perhaps it is an attempt to signal the government, the other side or even a third party. The IDF is definitely aware of the political dimensions of its activities. For instance if guerrilla warfare breaks out it will happen in Palestinian-controlled areas. A political decision will have to be made to order the army into those areas.

How costly would it be to prepare military units to combat guerrilla warfare taking into account the Defense Ministry budget cuts? A small number of forces is used to combat guerrilla warfare, therefore I do not believe this will be a factor either way. While it won't be cheap, the cost definitely won't be prohibitive.

How would Israeli society react to guerrilla warfare?

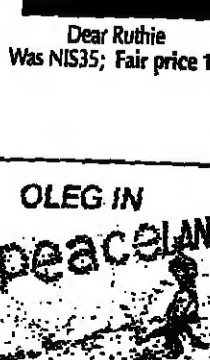
A point that one should consider is armies always manage, but is society prepared?

The issue is far more important and sensitive than the economic or military operations involved. After going through the intifada and the peace process, the question is whether Israeli society will be able to go through another trauma and at what price. The military report also hinted the likelihood of soldiers refusing to obey orders. Although I doubt this will happen in the regular army it may become a problem among reservists, especially if the warfare is prolonged.

Margot Dudkevitch

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Geula Even to be sole 'Mabat' anchor

By HELEN KAYE

Its eyes firmly on the younger generation and the 21st century, ITV has announced that Mabat will have a new look and 26-year-old Geula Even will replace Haim Yavin as sole anchor on the nightly news program from October 5.

Gilad Adin, 30, the man most recently touted to be Even's co-anchor, will be her permanent substitute and "will co-anchor with her for special events," said ITV head Yair Stern, adding that "we decided to go with a single anchor after a great deal of soul-searching and are happy that we've decided on the best there is."

"No guy wanted me, so I'll be single," Even joked.

The announcement ends several months of speculation only half satisfied when Even's status was confirmed last month. Other possible co-anchors named included Washington correspondent Ehud Ya'ari and sportscaster Meir Elstein.

Like Even, Adin has been at ITV four years. He is a special correspondent, a job he will retain, and also a presenter on the Saturday night news program *Ro'im Olam*.

Expressing satisfaction that Channel 1's Ayala Hasson and Shelli Yichimovich were named *Women of the Year* in broadcasting on Channel 2 last night, Stern further stated that "this has been a splendid year professionally," and mentioned the news teams "many scoops," including the Bar-On affair and what he termed



Yair Stern, ITV Channel One director, speaks to Geula Even yesterday about her new role. (Flash 90)

the yeshiva draft-dodging scandal.

Even's former beat, the Friday news magazine, will add news presenter Orit Lavi and Stern also revealed that the Saturday night weekly program round-up

will be revamped after the holidays.

Mabat will have an entirely new look with a new set, new logo, new graphics and new music said news division manager Rafik Halaby. He stressed that

Mabat's emphasis would remain in depth news coverage.

"We'll have the same mind, the same body, but new clothes," he quipped.

The most recent countrywide Channel 1 poll showed that 66%

of the population regularly watched the news. Channel 1 news was most consistently rated as the "in-depth" news channel with 27% switching on for serious coverage over 25% for Channel 2.

Swiss bank guard honored

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Christoph Meili, the guard who was fired by the Union Bank of Switzerland after preventing records of Nazi-confiscated Jewish property from being destroyed, said yesterday that he was inspired by the movie, *Schindler's List*.

Meili was given an award for humanitarian values and ethics at Boystown Jerusalem, a religious boarding school. The prize was founded in memory of Jan Zwartendijk, an honorary Dutch diplomat who helped Jews escape from Lithuania by issuing bogus visas to Curaçao.

Rabbi Ronald Gray, Boystown's executive vice president, said Meili was honored for doing "the right thing because it's the right thing to do."

Some 500 pupils at Boystown gave Meili a hero's welcome. Some hoisted him on their shoulders, and because of the commotion, a white satin kippa he received as a prize nearly fell off his head.

Meili told a news conference that he saw *Schindler's List* before he came upon the documents that were slated for the shredder at the Swiss bank last winter.

He said he felt just as Schindler did when he saw Nazis confiscating Jewish property and ordering the Jews out.

It was the night of January 8, he recalled. "I was on my watch, working as a security guard at the Union Bank of Switzerland. When I went to the shredding room on a control check, I found two containers overflowing with old books."

He said one book was entitled, "Directional Protocol from Swiss National Bank, 1915-1916." I thought to myself: "Wow, this is very important." I fought with myself, and then I went back and I looked some more. I took the stuff out, and then I saw a complete documentation of bank business from 1875 to the 1970s.

Meili said he remembered reading about New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato's research into allegations that Swiss banks were still holding onto assets deposited by Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

"I thought it was possible that some stuff was in these documents," he said. "I looked in them and found properties in Berlin, and saw the dates in the '30s and '40s."

"I saw papers about how these properties came into the bank's possession. There was one in which the bank paid 46 Reichmarks for one building and put it on sale for 45,000 Swiss Francs after renovation, a good business. I thought: 'What's going on?'"

Meili handed some of the material to Jewish organizations in Basel, who gave it to the police. Meili said he received hate mail soon after, and



Christoph Meili (Flash 90)

death threats against himself and his children. He was accused of being paid by the Mossad. Meili was also fired and couldn't find another job in Switzerland because of the police investigation.

He found refuge in the United States where he was made a permanent resident, and lives in the New York area with his family, supported by donations.

"My motivation was to bring these documents to Jewish people, to Holocaust survivors or people who could do the research," Meili said. "I was thinking that the survivors have the right to see these documents now... All this shredding made me very angry."

While in Israel, Meili said he hoped to track down at least one survivor whose property he may have helped save.

Ed Fagan, lead counsel for Holocaust survivors suing the Swiss banks for money and property, credited Meili with finding "proof, the interconnection between the Nazis' banks and the Jewish money."

Fagan said the list uncovered by Meili contained properties from one of the first forced Aryans in Berlin in the 1930s. Also documented are dates when Swiss banks took possession of the properties, Fagan said.

Fagan said that the Swiss banks would not be defeated by lawyers, "but by little old ladies named Mrs. Sapir and Mrs. Weisshaus, and a nice young Swiss bank guard who had the courage to say I will not let this happen."

Swiss newspapers slam Jewish groups

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

Swiss newspapers yesterday blasted world Jewish groups for delaying the launch of payments by Switzerland's humanitarian fund and raised questions about their "credibility."

"Switzerland has repeatedly been accused of not moving fast enough on this aid," Zurich's *Tages-Anzeiger* wrote. "For the first time, this accusation now falls back on those who have raised it the loudest."

The humanitarian fund, which

has SF 170 million from the three major Swiss banks and industry, was unable to decide on Monday about initial payments to needy Holocaust survivors because the World Jewish Restitution Organization failed to provide proposals for distributing the cash. Nor did any of the dozen Jewish members attend the meeting in Bern.

There are three Jewish seats on the fund executive, and the WJRO has nine seats on the fund council. Citing the illness of two Jewish delegates, all declined to attend.

Neue Zürcher Zeitung, a nation-

ally distributed conservative paper, suggested the government think about kicking the WJRO off of the fund and find its own ways to make aid payments. "The Federal Council [government], which is acting here as an administrator for private industry that paid for the fund, can no longer afford to let itself be played with like this," it wrote.

Tages-Anzeiger said the delay of aid proposals suggested Jewish groups are unable to agree on who should receive the money. "One way or the other, there are doubts about the ability and the credibility of those who until now have

pushed with noble arguments for rapid aid for Holocaust victims," the paper wrote.

"Empty chairs have a symbolic value," said *Bund* in the capital, Bern, adding that the absence of Jewish leaders could fuel anti-Semitism, in addition to the existing resentment against international criticism of Switzerland's World War II role. "Accusations will be raised that Jewish organizations are not serious about this help for Holocaust victims. Antisemitic tones can be expected," *Bund* wrote.

Meanwhile, the New York State Banking Department opened an

office in Manhattan to help survivors and heirs trace and claim assets withheld by Swiss banks and European insurance companies. The move was seen as useful, but belated.

The New York claims office comes months after the Volcker Committee set up an expedited system for processing claims. It also appeared to be a tacit acknowledgment that while Jewish organizations have devoted their attention to the political aspects of Holocaust-era Jewish assets, they have not provided practical assistance to claimants.

Holocaust fund becomes 'franc follies'

NEW YORK — It has SF 170 million in the bank, unrelenting media attention, and authority from the Swiss government. But more than six months after it was formed to benefit needy Holocaust survivors, the Swiss humanitarian fund has yet to allocate a shekel.

The fund, instead, has become the "franc follies," characterized by snafus and shenanigans without getting to substance.

The major Swiss banks — facing a forensic audit of Holocaust-era dormant accounts and billion-dollar lawsuits in the US — at the beginning of the year initiated the humanitarian fund with a contribution of SF 100 million francs.

The banks then dumped the headache of distribution by turning the money over to the Swiss government. Bern, in turn, negotiated with the World Jewish Restitution Organization in February, agreeing on an ordinance on the fund's composition and structure.

The fund to help needy Jewish and non-Jewish Nazi victims was legally established on March 1. It would have a seven-member executive, with three Jews and four Swiss. The president is a Swiss Jew, Rolf Bloch. The fund would also have an 18-member council, nine of whom are Jews named by the WJRO, which chose its own members for the posts.

The Jewish side, however, fumbled for months over a sustainable slate for its three slots on the executive. The WJRO sought

"stratosphere" candidates, individuals of such prestige that they would rule out all the "usual suspects" — thus deflating competition among numerous Jewish groups without offending egos. That strategy failed.

The original choices were Likud MK Avraham Herschson, who deals with restitution in the Knesset, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, and Stuart Eizenstat, who was then US undersecretary of commerce and the leader of an American historical panel that in May released a report on Nazi gold.

Eizenstat couldn't take the post because the US government did not want its foreign policy dragged into Jewish political disputes. His replacement was National Religious Party elder statesman Josef Burg.

Then there was a weeks-long brouhaha over a special title for Wiesel — a title that did not exist. At the beginning of May, the Swiss government gave Wiesel the powerless title of "doyen international chairman" — only to be told days later that Wiesel did not want the job, because he did not want to "quantify the suffering of others."

On May 28, the Swiss Federal Council named Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, to replace Wiesel and said it hoped the humanitarian fund "can soon assume its work

to benefit needy Holocaust victims who are already aging."

Bronfman, though, was only holding the seat, and did not attend the first meeting of the executive. At that meeting, held in July in Bern, the fund decided to release 10 percent of its assets to survivors, and called on the fund council to submit proposals for spending it.

BACKGROUND

(Bronfman's replacement, Benjamin Medt, head of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, is expected to be confirmed this month by the Swiss government.)

The next monkey wrench came last month in Basel, when Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg aggravated the Swiss by calling for the operation of the humanitarian fund to be turned over to the WJRO — the partner that had originally negotiated the existing structure.

"We were always told that there were Holocaust survivors dying daily and the Swiss banks and the government were dragging our feet," said Thomas Borer, the envoy dealing with Switzerland's World War II history. Instead, there was "a lot of quarreling going on [about] which organization should have the money and which should give it."

In a way, said Bloch, who also is the head of the Swiss-Jewish community, Burg's statement "was understood as the Jewish

Agency wanting to put its hand on all the money and just take over."

The Jewish Agency's role also perplexed some of the Swiss, who noted that the agency does not have allocations that are specifically intended for survivors. It was perceived that Burg wanted the Swiss money to trim his budget deficit and also saw "Shoah business" as new programming to enhance the agency.

Programs were supposed to be on the agenda, when the officials of the humanitarian fund met Monday in Bern. But the WJRO failed to submit proposals and — in a move — it did not attend Monday's meeting, citing the illnesses of two of its nine members and scheduling conflicts of others.

The WJRO said its absence was "not an expression of political controversy," to which the fund said: Prove it. And set a deadline of September 25 for the WJRO to submit proposals for fund allocations.

The Swiss government, meanwhile, issued an unusual criticism of the WJRO, saying that because of its absence and lack of proposals, "necessary help to thousands of elderly victims in need will unfortunately be delayed."

Also delayed, apparently, are solicitations for the fund. Until the fund begins to allocate the money it already has, asking for new contributions is, said one Swiss official, "acting like a beggar whose hat is full."

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Meir Ronnen
The Jerusalem Post

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Barak: Netanyahu attacking Histadrut

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak yesterday slammed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for slandering workers and the Histadrut, saying he is picking on "an imaginary enemy" to hide his own shortcomings.

Barak was referring to Netanyahu's attacks on the previous government and especially the Histadrut for "robbing the state and now they want us to finance their bloated pensions."

Speaking to local labor council secretaries, Barak said that

Netanyahu's attack on the workers was unprecedented and unbridled, noting that he was "picking on an imaginary enemy, the workers, the Histadrut, and its chairman, Amir Peretz, in a vain attempt to cover up his failures."

Barak said the difficult economic situation and rising unemployment are a clear result of the stalemate in the peace process, "which is leading to the absence of security and an increase in terrorism, which in turn lead to a reduction in investments and tourism, and a growth in unemployment."

Peretz attributed Netanyahu's attacks to his feelings of help-

lessness in the face of the deteriorating economy and increase in unemployment. He said "the prime minister probably senses that the government's line, based on incitement against the Histadrut, has failed. The prime minister likes to talk about America, but the America he presents is the America of the new millionaires [which will grow] on our backs."

Peretz said the Histadrut is fighting to protect the lower income workers' pension, which the government is trying to damage, and that the stronger workers' unions will join the battle to protect the weaker ones.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut announced that no passenger or freight trains will roll between 10 a.m. and noon today, and that sanctions will also continue at the oil refineries in Haifa and Ashdod, the Haifa and Ashdod ports, the Electric Corp., Public Works Authority, Fire Department, Tadiran, electronics and metal plants across the country, the municipalities of Holon, Kiryat Shmona, Ashdod, Kiryat Malachi, and Yavne. The Arava, Yoav, and Azata local councils, and the Tel Aviv Religious Council.

Red Cross: N. Korean famine killing 10,000 children a month

By EMMA THOMASSEN

BONN (Reuters) — The German Red Cross yesterday called the famine in North Korea one of the worst the world has seen since World War II, and said around 10,000 children are dying of starvation every month.

German Red Cross spokeswoman Susanne Anger, who had just returned from two weeks in the south and northwest of the reclusive Stalinist state, pleaded for more international food and medical aid to save lives.

"An entire people is starving as the result of several natural disasters and a precarious economic situation," Anger told a news conference in Bonn.

"The mortality rate for children under

seven has risen to 40 percent. About 800,000 children are chronically undernourished and have severe developmental damage. Nine- or 10-year-olds look like three- or four-year-olds."

Anger said these calculations were made on the basis of the declining number of children attending kindergartens and information from other aid agencies.

She said the alarming estimate by World Vision, a Christian aid group, that at least half a million of North Korea's population of 22 million had starved to death in the famine could not be ruled out.

"At least half a million people have died, probably closer to one to two million," Andrew Natsios, a World Vision vice president told CNN International earlier yesterday.

Anger said the situation was most serious in the northeast of the secretive state, where no foreigners or aid organizations are being allowed access, making it difficult to give a total estimate of famine victims.

"According to estimates by the Red Cross and other international aid organizations, we are dealing with the world's worst hunger catastrophe since the end of the Second World War," the German Red Cross said in a statement.

Anger said she had seen children with severe eczema and open wounds, and said people were eating roots and digging up public parks and roads to make space to cultivate food.

"The average rice ration has sunk to a daily 100 grams per person. People are

supplementing their scanty rations with grass roots and sawdust," she said.

Anger said 90 percent of North Korea's industry has ground to a halt because of a lack of fuel and electricity, roads are empty of cars and people are working with their bare hands in the fields rather than using tractors.

She said the Red Cross, the only international aid agency to be allowed to directly distribute food, was providing 740,000 people of with daily nourishment. But she saw little chance of an improvement in the country.

"We fear that this precarious situation will continue. Soil has been washed away by flooding, and deforestation means that rain water will flow faster and flooding will be more frequent," she said.

Diana's bodyguard fully conscious

By IRWIN ARIEFF

PARIS (Reuters) — The bodyguard who survived the car crash in which Princess Diana died is conscious and able to talk, hospital officials said yesterday, raising hopes he could soon help investigators fill in the blanks in their probe.

The condition of Trevor Rees-Jones, who has been under tight guard in intensive care in a Paris hospital since the August 31 crash, "has markedly improved...He is fully conscious and can communicate although he tires easily," a statement said.

An official said Rees-Jones was able to communicate primarily by writing but was also able to speak a little.

Rees-Jones had been too weak to be questioned about the causes of the central Paris crash which killed Diana, companion Dodi Fayed and their driver Henri Paul.

The statement said Rees-Jones had been taken off artificial respiration and an infection of his lung wound was under control.

"In the next few days, he should be able to recover full autonomy," the authority said.

Doctors who operated on Rees-Jones, 29, have warned police that he might be suffering from partial amnesia about the crash.

Doctors say it is common for accident victims to have no recollection of a crash while anaesthetics used in surgery can also contribute to erase any memories. Rees-Jones has undergone hours of surgery to reconstruct his smashed face.

Rees-Jones' eye-witness testimony could be vital to the criminal inquiry into the causes of the crash, which has so far targeted nine paparazzi photographers and a motorcyclist for a photographic agency on suspicion of manslaughter and failure to assist accident victims.

Norwegians dump socialist premier

By SIMON HAYDON

OSLO (Reuters) — Norway awoke with a hangover yesterday after dumping Labor Party Prime Minister Thorbjørn Jagland. But the door was opened to months of political wrangling.

Financial markets in Norway, which operate with oil-backed fundamentals that make the economy one of the strongest in Europe, did not like what they read in the newspapers. They marked down the crown and stocks and pushed up interest rates.

Market players said, however, that Norway's wealth was so well underpinned that government troubles were unlikely to have any lasting effect.

The total share index fell 0.6 percent to 1,283.38 but the crown clawed back losses to stand at 4.1355/85 by mid-morning, after falling to a near three-week low of 4.1570 in early trade.

S-E Banker Norway Chief Economist Oystein Stephansen said the election result would weaken the crown but did not see any long-term fall. "The crown will still be backed by a solid foreign trade surplus," Labor's share of the vote only slipped by less than two percentage points and they lost just two seats. But Jagland had backed himself into a corner by insisting the party must match the 36.9% it won at the last poll in 1993.

"Hoist by his own petard," ran the headline in the conservative daily Aftenposten.

Labor will have 65 of the 165 seats in parliament, according to figures published when 95% of the vote had been counted.

Apart from Labor's defeat, Norway's traditional political calm was shattered by the stunning success of the far-right Progress Party, which won 15.5% of the vote and 25 seats in parliament.

The Progress Party, a neo-Thatcherite grouping led by charismatic former businessman Carl Hagen, gathered the protest votes of Norwegians who feel their massive oil wealth is being poured into the wrong pockets. The Labor government has



Valgerd Svarstad Haugland (left), leader of the Christian Democratic Party, and Kjell Magne Bondevik, his candidate for premier, rejoice over the first exit polls in yesterday's Norwegian vote. (AP)

launched a Petroleum Fund to mop up the billions of oil dollars flooding into Norway's economy, but opinion polls showed Norwegians felt their health and welfare services and schools were suffering.

The next prime minister of Norway looks set to be Kjell Magne Bondevik, a former priest and ex-foreign minister who heads a three-party centrist coalition that can garner 42 seats.

"I see no reason why I shouldn't be Norway's new prime minister but I have to wait to see if I'm asked," he said.

Bondevik began the prickly process of trying to put together a coalition government yesterday, although he has a breathing space until mid-October as Jagland pledged to present the annual budget before quitting. The budget is due on October 13.

Bondevik said he would be careful in putting together a coalition that is likely only to have around 45 seats in the 165-member parliament.

"We don't see any reason for a government to commit suicide in its policy declarations," he said.

Many analysts say Bondevik's coalition will be too fragile to last through the harsh Norwegian political winter and that it will be snuffed out by the Labor Party or by conservative groups.

Bondevik said he would seek cross-party support for his policies and there were even reports he would seek to patch up differences with the Conservative Party and form a much more powerful four-party coalition.

Such a coalition would be a repeat of one that ruled for several years in the 1980s.

Mir-mir mirth and Mir-mir miracle

The Russians are planning to put cosmonauts on the moon this year, but they're not launching a mission — they'll just wait for Mir to crash into it. There's a new crisis on Mir — duct tape fatigue.

Yes, it's the first space mission to provide ample daily fodder for Jay Leno and lesser stand-up comics across the world. So much so that when yesterday's news of a near collision between Mir and an American military satellite broke, the first reaction tended to be — "yes, and what's the punch-line?"

It wasn't funny, if one of the two versions is to be believed. The Mir, already bruised by one serious collision, had a near miss when the US space projectile whizzed a mere 470 meters past its nose. In terms of space distances, that's a lot less than the width of a goat's whisker. The cosmonauts huddled in their emergency escape capsule for half an hour, said Russian Mission Control.

Nonsense, said NASA officials at Houston Space Center. An inoperative US science satellite passed by 1.2 km from Mir. "Nothing major, it happens every month," said one official. Setting aside the fact that a near miss of one kilometer once a month from a hunk of metal traveling several thousand kilometers an hour sounds a little too close for comfort, the question arises as to whether Mir is somehow now generating its own jokes for the Tonight show.

Cosmic dice Or are Russia's Mir-keepers generating scary publicity to keep the show on the road and the space station's economic woes in the minds of government ministers? Now that sounds like a mighty dangerous game of playing dice with cosmic forces. If space stations can't generate jokes, it is by no means certain that prophecies cannot generate their own fulfillment.

And speaking of prophecies, most of us know by now that high technology's frenetic drive into the future and the cosmos is built on visualizations by pioneering science-fiction writers. This ultra-modern phenomenon began with visionaries like Jules Verne and H.G. Wells, and continues with thousands of their literary descendants who continue to predict the future with alarming regularity and accuracy.

One such is the novelist William Gibson, creator of the noir cyber-punk genre. He said in a recent interview that the best science fiction of the 1990s is not in his books but on CNN's daily news. He was referring to Mars Pathfinder, Mars Explorer — and Mir. Gibson and his collaborator Bruce Sterling wrote a story in the 1980s called *Red Star, Winter Orbit*. It was set in a dilapidated Soviet space station which was slowly falling apart.

Prophet and metaphor Amazingly, here were science-fiction writers not only ahead of the game, like those who predicted lunar travel, orbiting satellites and the Internet, but ahead of an endgame, like Mir. They predicted its launch, its life and its decay. Now there was a metaphor for the Soviet Union. (Yes, yes, and for life itself, but that's obvious.) Even so, Gibson confessed, he would have found it quite impossible "to beat that garbage-module slumming into Mir! ... Looking back, I can see we didn't go nearly far enough [in the *Red Star* story]." He's being far too humble — we remain in awe of his powers. The Mir space station's crew has been battling for months against a relentless procession of near disasters — the collision with the cargo ship, a fire, computer crashes, failed oxygen generators, leaks, uncontrolled spinning into darkness and out of control. So why not a US military satellite hurtling towards and (phew!) past them at a zillion meters per second?

Battling Boris Yeltsin, never slow to deflect incoming criticism faster than any docking maneuver, last month scolded all his fellow Russians for their lack of interest in the space drama being enacted in the skies over their apathetic heads. He could have been chiding the whole civilized world for daring to get bored with space. However,

Outer out, inner in Boris should remember it is the fate of pioneers (like prophets) to be disregarded in their own time as well as in their own lands. Yeltsin may be right in saying we have become indifferent and weary of the fanfares for outer space and have decided problems of inner cities are more important. But the ultimate direction and value of pioneering ventures can only be appreciated with hindsight.

And Russians should not despair. Mir may have become a Leno laugh-in, but the faults and failings of its old age have humanized the somewhat sterile shiny image of space exploration. Machines collide and computers crash. We all know that. It is what highlights the triumph of man's dogged determination to beat evolution at its own game — even the evolution of man's own creations.

Apollo astronauts ferried home a wrecked moonship 20 years ago after NASA know-it-alls had scoffed at all the superstitious doomsayers who warned them not to number the mission 13. Space, the future home of our descendants, will be won by human courage, ingenuity, and good luck. It must not be abandoned to mere human frailty, error and misfortune. Boldly — way to go!

Polish candidates strangely silent on flood catastrophe

WARSAW (Reuters) — A strange silence over July's catastrophic floods has descended on campaigning for Poland's parliamentary elections on Sunday.

While thousands of families await the menacing cold of autumn in ruined homes or temporary shelters, party election broadcasts talk of law and order, family values, education, or which party honored what promises in the last 1993 polls.

No party, government or opposition, is highlighting the floods which for weeks ravaged Poland's south and west, causing billions of dollars worth of damage which has to be fixed.

"It [the flood issue] really has disappeared," Andrzej Pilat, minister in charge of the relief and reconstruction effort, told a radio interviewer. "For everyone this seems to be something which happened some time ago... except for the people affected — for them this drama is perhaps even worse than it was a month-and-a-half ago, because the cold is starting."

In Kłodzko, a southern town partially ruined in the disaster, Mayor Małgorzata Kwiatkowska is seriously alarmed.

"We are almost without any help. All the time we are told here every one will help us, but I don't see very much," Kwiatkowska, an opposition candidate, said.

She fears that unless ravaged areas get money fast, while parties are seeking votes and memories of the horror are fresh in the rest of Poland, the issue will die, money will gradually dry up, and recovery

will take a decade.

Among other measures, the government has promised to build 1,300 houses before winter for the most needy families made homeless in the floods, which struck 1.5 percent of Polish territory and devastated hundreds of villages and towns.

In Kłodzko alone the flood made the homes of 500 families uninhabitable. The town has been promised 100 of the government houses for the poorest and 25 are now being built.

"But we need 260 new homes here," said Kwiatkowska, whose town is also paying to make other ruined properties habitable, but will have to demolish scores of devastated houses.

She said the town budget, its income slashed by lost rent and taxes from people made jobless, is already in the red.

Kłodzko is not alone. In the city of Wrocław some streets are still piled with heaps of debris, broken floorboards, and hopelessly sullied furniture from wrecked homes.

There are varied reasons for the silence on the floods, which two months ago looked set to be a central issue in the polls, as the opposition accused the government of gross bungling.

Party insiders say it is partly to avoid being seen as making political capital from misery — which could backfire.

There are signs that the huge majority of Poles not directly hit by floods are feeling compassion fatigue, shown by lower interest in charity events to help the victims.

Those directly affected, although numbering hundreds of thousands, are so scattered geographically and politically split as not to make a big election difference nationwide.

Moreover, neither of the two biggest parties emerges either entirely well or completely badly from the episode, making it a tricky campaign issue to handle.

Prime Minister Włodzisław Cimoszewicz, of the ruling ex-communist Democratic Left Alliance (SLD), slipped up early in the floods with remarks about how ruined farmers should have been insured. These seemed callous and he later apologized.

After a clumsy start to relief operations, the government sprung into action and does not seem to be lastingly harmed.

According to sociologist Lena Kolarzka-Bobinska, opinion surveys suggest Poles do not blame the government over the floods, which were sudden and worse than anyone expected.

The main opposition party, Solidarity Election Action (AWS), might be vulnerable if it is too vocal on the floods.

Its leader, Solidarity trade union chief Marian Krzaklewski, failed to interrupt a holiday in Italy during

the floods — although he later said he had been raising funds for victims and the union launched a large voluntary aid effort.

In a public relations nightmare, a magazine published an earlier interview with him on the joys of Italian wine, food, and sun.

AWS spokesman Tomasz Tywonek said the party would press its own proposals for further action and point out shortcomings in the government program. But not as part of its campaign.

Although Cimoszewicz's own approval ratings dipped briefly, the two leading election contenders are still roughly level with support hovering around 25 percent each.

"The floods did not change political preferences in any fundamental way," Janusz Durlik, head of the public CBOS polling institute, told a news conference this month.

One explanation for the campaign lull over the floods was identified by Kwiatkowska, who excluded her own Union for Freedom (UW) from the criticism.

"[The parties] don't seem to want to make declarations, talk about money and removing the floods' effects, as maybe they will get to power and have to honor the promises," she said.

Pilat's government department has not yet published estimates of the total cost of the damage, saying information from local authorities is hard to assess.

The impact on the economy is notable, adding to the need for any future government to follow an austere policy that it might be easier not



A man yesterday walks between bridge supports in Warsaw on which election posters are displayed. (AP)

to stress just before an election.

The government has said it can keep to its budget deficit projection of 1.9 percent of GDP next year, but only by holding down investment projects in the rest of the country.

One sphere in which the floods have stimulated the election debate is over the need for decentralization of government, a cause strongly advocated by the opposition.

The ruling ex-communists in the party support devolution to local authorities but have failed to implement it, at least in part because of disagreement by their Peasant Party partners.

Many local authorities say the disaster showed up the cost and inefficiency of central decision-making. This was the message driven home by former prime minister and

opposition politician Hanna Suchocka in an interview for the *Gazeta Wyborcza* newspaper, in which she also appealed to Poles not to forget the floods and their still-suffering victims.

"The floods are not just a problem for people in inundated areas, but our national problem which shapes its mark on us all. We must all feel responsible," she said.

Asians wary of China's power *Bracing for El Nino*

By BEN HIRSCHLER

By RENE PASTOR

SINGAPORE - Rocking on gently rolling swells, the USS *Constellation* basked in the tropical sun of Singapore. A light breeze raked the flight deck, where several F-14 Tomcat and F-18 Hornet fighters were parked.

The aircraft carrier is a potent symbol of US power, allowing Washington to fly the flag in trouble spots from Asia to the Middle East.

That is our business, promoting stability, showing that we're there to stand with our friends and allies," Captain Rocklun "Rocky" Deal, commanding officer of the *Constellation*, told a small group of reporters on a recent tour of the vessel.

"If an aggressor appears in any theater, [we're] ready to join with friends and allies to curb aggression."

But Southeast Asian countries are worried about the ebbing tide of US power in the region brought on by budget constraints in Washington, officials and security analysts say.

"The US factor in maintaining the regional strategic equilibrium may not be indefinitely sustained as emerging regional powers could disturb the balance," a Philippine Defense Department study said.

The next power that most Southeast Asian nations will be watching out for, the analysts say, is China. With China's economy expanding at a rapid rate over the past decade, it will not be long before Beijing becomes a major military, economic and political force in the area, they said.

Dewi Fortuna Anwar, an expert

on regional affairs at the Indonesian Academy of Sciences, said there was still "an underlying suspicion [about] China's intentions in the region."

"The growth of China and its economy and the ability to fuel its military development is a major concern to Indonesia, given the fact that there are a lot of unresolved territorial disputes in the region, particularly in the South China Sea, and also because China has yet to renounce the use of force to settle disputes," she said.

Rival claims to the Spratly islands, where Chinese and Vietnamese forces clashed about 10 years ago, hang like a cloud over the region.

There have been tense exchanges between Manila and Beijing, especially over China's construction of structures in a part of the Spratlys that the Philippines feels is too close to its territory and a threat to its security.

China has claimed the entire South China Sea, sparking disputes with Vietnam, Malaysia, and even tiny Brunei.

Outgoing Philippine Defense Secretary Renato de Villa said that as China "unleashes its own energies for its own development, we could see that it is going to be a major player" in the region.

"When we look down the road, we see that China will become a world power," he said.

Harry Harding, a prominent Sinologist with George Washington University, said in a lecture in Singapore that "many of China's neighbors are worried."

"They see that China has the growing attributes of national power, economic and military in particular. They see, too, China has territorial disputes on land



A robust economy will provide China the means to fuel its military development. (Camera Press Ltd.)

and at sea with many of its neighbors," he said.

A report by the Armed Forces of the Philippines said several countries were "apprehensive of the security posture a superpower China may adopt" especially when its military modernization program

is fueled by a robust economy.

"More importantly, there is the perception that China intends to make Southeast Asia as its sphere of influence, especially with its declaration of sovereignty over the South China Sea," the study said. Beijing scoffs at such claims.

"These are wild allegations by some critics to undermine the progress which China has made. They have no basis," Premier Li Peng told local reporters in Singapore.

He said China was focusing on developing its economy and its armed forces were for defense.

China has the largest navy in the world, but security experts said most of its ships were meant for coastal defense and attempts to build it up to challenge the navies of other major powers would take time.

Li said up to 60 million of China's 1.2 billion people still lived in poverty.

"China has made much progress, but to become a moderately strong country, it will take another 30, 50 or more years," he said. "The China threat theory is therefore totally baseless."

Mohammed Jawhar Hassan, director-general at think-tank Institute of Strategic and International Studies in Kuala Lumpur, said China has almost always been a "generally benign power."

"It has never been as aggressive as some of the Western powers or Japan. Whether or not it becomes assertive with regard to its dispute in Southeast Asia will depend upon the balance of forces," he said.

Shahri Talib, a professor at the Department of Southeast Asian Studies in the University of Malaysia, was even more blunt.

"We've not seen an aggressive China, a military China, only a market-oriented China. I see markets bringing together dialogue, bringing together dialogue, and I see no problems in the next 20 years." (Reuters)

LONDON - Low river levels cripple Papua New Guinea mines. Peru revises down growth forecasts. Coffee and cocoa prices soar.

Across the globe the El Nino weather phenomenon, caused by the warming of Pacific waters off South America, is already being blamed for economic turmoil.

Weather-beaten economists are still struggling to make sense of the true impact of El Nino, or "the boy child," named after Jesus by Peruvian fishermen because it tends to peak at Christmas.

But a few likely macro-economic trends are becoming clear. A growing number of countries are contemplating the prospect of drought withering staple crops while others brace for damaging storms and floods. "No one is able to identify the global effects but the basic picture is that prices will go up, incomes will go down and trade balances will be hit," said David Lubin, economic adviser for emerging markets at HSBC in London.

South African Agriculture Minister Derek Hanekom said last week that the expected onset of the El Nino drought could halve the country's corn crop, costing more than one billion rand (\$213 million) in lost exports.

In Asia, the drought has already arrived, posing a fresh threat to a region already hit by reeling currencies and stock markets.

Countries such as the Philippines and Indonesia face a double threat if forced to import dollar-priced rice or corn with weakened currencies, pushing up inflation.

Famine-stricken North Korea has been pushed to the brink by a drought which scientists believe has been aggravated by El Nino.

The most direct impact of this year's El Nino, tipped by some scientists to be the most severe this century, has been seen on the commodity markets. Coffee, cocoa, grain and soybean prices have all risen.

The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT), the world's biggest futures market and the leading exchange for agricultural produce, is expecting increased trading volumes as players hedge against climate risk.

The impact may not be limited to commodity futures. The CBOT also sees the possibility of increased activity in its financial futures contracts if inflation picks up and insurance contracts could be boosted as storm damage looms.

The last major El Nino, in 1982-83, is estimated to have caused

more than \$13b. of damage worldwide, including more than \$2b. of storm and flood damage in the US.

US federal agencies are gearing up to limit the damage this time, expected to hit hardest in southern California, by promoting flood insurance and encouraging builders to shore up structures.

The country closest to the phenomenon, Peru, is already bracing for the impact. The central bank recently forecast a slowdown in economic growth to 5 percent in 1998 from 6 percent in 1997 because of likely flooding along the northern coast.

Droughts in the southern highlands and reduced fish catches.

The US investment bank Morgan Stanley Dean Witter said recently that otherwise good prospects for the Lima stock market had been clouded by El Nino concerns.

For investors looking to protect themselves from the financial fallout of the warm Pacific currents there are a few obvious strategies, such as selling hydroelectric shares in drought-prone regions and buying cement stocks in places where flooding may lead to a reconstruction boom.

But if predicting the weather is hard enough, predicting the economic impact of El Nino's ability to turn global weather patterns upside down is even harder.

The knock-on effects can be highly complex. Shares in Australian mining giant Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd. tumbled this month when its Ok Tedi copper mine in Papua New Guinea declared force majeure on concentrate deliveries because of lack of water in the Fly River, the main artery for shipments. El Nino has been blamed for the low river levels.

Elsewhere, the El Nino effect is not turning out as badly as some pundits had expected. The Indian monsoon, for example, has apparently escaped unscathed, although some fear a poor monsoon may yet be seen in 1998, causing widespread damage across the sub-continent which is heavily dependent on agricultural production.

All the evidence suggests that the current El Nino weather pattern, the 13th since 1950, rivals the record one seen in 1982 with average surface water temperature in the eastern Pacific in August more than three degrees above the yearly average.

That will hit economies and markets - but picking an investment strategy through the meteorological maze remains a gamble. (Reuters)

California, here they come

SANTA MONICA, California - Sounding an alarm about heavy immigration, a new study warns that an increasingly skill-based California economy cannot continue to absorb large flows of poorly educated immigrants - who in turn pose a growing strain on public services while driving US-born workers out of the state.

The study by Rand Corp., the Santa Monica-based think tank, provides a sweeping analysis of immigration into California during the past 30 years and offers several provocative recommendations.

The report, to be released Monday, calls on Congress to reduce new legal admissions to a "moderate range" - between the 300,000 annual average of the 1970s and the 1990s median of about 800,000; to regulate future flows in accordance with changing conditions - allowing the flexibility to curb immigration during times of high unemployment; and to add educational levels and English proficiency as admission criteria to a preference system now heavily based on family ties.

Driving the need for such changes are fundamental shifts in the economy of California, home to more than one-quarter of the nation's immigrants. The state is

moving away from low-skilled jobs in manufacturing and other sectors, toward service and technology industries in which employers place a premium on a highly educated work force.

Despite this transformation, the study states, almost half the immigrants to California are from Mexico and Central America, a region that sends among the least-educated new arrivals. Legions now compete in an increasingly tight low-wage labor market, facing limited prospects for advancement.

"There appears to be a growing divergence between current trends in the state's economy and immigration policies that are producing a steady inflow of poorly educated immigrants," write the two Rand specialists, Kevin F. McCarthy, a demographer, and Georges Vezne, an urban planner.

Quickly denouncing the study's major recommendations are immigrant advocates and others who argue that low-skilled immigrants represent a vibrant, upwardly mobile economic force benefiting all Californians, working for wages that the US-born would not accept.

"This sounds like think-tank poppycock" said Frank Shary, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, a Washington-

based umbrella immigrant advocacy group. "It's smart people thinking that the only thing the country needs is more smart people."

California, where one in four residents are now foreign-born - the

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nation's highest such proportion - still enjoys benefits from immigration, acknowledge the Rand authors, who credit foreign settlers with helping to fuel economic progress for more than two decades, until the recession of the early 1990s.

Population growth in California, long fueled by migrants from other states, is now largely driven by immigration. The number of foreign-born people residing in California doubled during the 1970s, then doubled again during the 1980s - and has continued to rise during the 1990s. On the whole, the study states, immigrants in California are just as productive as US-born workers, though they earn less than their non-immigrant counterparts.

But Rand found the shift toward higher-skill industries, combined with today's generally less robust

economy, is eroding advantages and creating a widening wage gap between US-born and immigrant Californians even as state and local governments feel an increasing fiscal pinch. The greatest burden falls on the schools, where immigrants and their US-born offspring have increased enrollment.

In comparison with other states, California has immigrants who are generally younger, less educated, have higher fertility rates and are more likely to tap into tax-supported assistance. The study calls on Washington to reimburse California and other affected states for the costs of educating and otherwise assisting immigrants.

During fiscal 1996, according to government figures, about 900,000 people legally emigrated to the US, 65 percent of whom gained entry because they were relatives of US citizens or permanent residents.

To critics, the Rand assessment overlooks immigrants' continued role in agriculture, manufacturing, the service and apparel sectors and other industries. Many argue that the need for low-skilled immigrant workers will continue to grow as the US seeks to retain its competitive edge in a global economy where many employers prize a low-wage work force.

"It's because of low-wage jobs and low-skilled workers that LA's manufacturing sectors have been saved," argued Gregory Rodriguez, a research fellow at Pepperdine's Institute for Public Policy, who authored a study last year concluding that Latino immigrants and their children were gradually moving into the middle class.

He criticized as elitist Rand's suggestion that preference be given to would-be immigrants who speak English and have high educational levels, a marked departure from a US process long linked to familial connections. "It's saying we don't want striving people anymore," Rodriguez said.

In contrast to the generally bleak outlook for poorly educated immigrants, the report said those with high-school diplomas or advanced degrees will continue to do well.

The Rand report comes four months after an exhaustive study commissioned by the National Academy of Sciences found that immigrants were a net benefit to the US economy. But that study also concluded that taxpayers of certain immigrant-heavy states were contributing more to pay for education and other public services used by immigrant households. (Los Angeles Times)

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Clear the air

Dubek advertisements from the Fifties and Sixties claiming that its cigarettes are "beneficial, cleaner, richer" and "will make your throat happy" are coming back to haunt the country's 65-year-old tobacco monopoly. Six Israelis who have died or who now suffer from lung cancer, throat cancer or heart disease and nine of their descendants this week filed a suit in the Tel Aviv District Court demanding NIS 15 million compensation for their suffering. Their lawyers, Gidi Frishlik and Alon Gellert, asked the court not only to rule in their favor but also to recognize the case as a class-action suit to include some 100,000 other residents whose lives have been shattered by tobacco-related diseases.

Dubek, which still markets the vast majority of locally made cigarettes and imports a number of foreign brands, has never admitted the fact that tobacco smoking is deadly. Yet, local and foreign medical studies first produced clear evidence of tobacco's deadliness more than 50 years ago, even before the US Surgeon General's Report made this official in 1964.

Dubek's legal counsel is likely to argue that "no one forced" these former customers to smoke. Frishlik and Gellert, who have prepared an impressive, three-kilo brief of documents, collections of Dubek advertisements and opinions by senior doctors, will state that the company intentionally deceived the public, producing and marketing products with as much potential to kill as any bullet. Tobacco-leaf processing requires nicotine — an addictive substance — to be removed and then returned to the tobacco, to which manufacturers add chemicals that increase the drug's absorption into the bloodstream.

The plaintiffs' lawyers will maintain that Dubek's ads — many of them depicting young, successful types with cigarettes between their fingers — were aimed at hooking a new generation of nicotine addicts to replace those who have died from smoking. Outstanding sports stars and entertainers were shown endorsing their products. The advertisements drummed into customers' heads the falsehood that filters "catch the cigarettes' waste products," and that "lite" cigarettes, with reduced tar but still with 4,000 other chemicals, were less lethal than "regular" ones.

Dubek and other tobacco importers, circumscribed by laws restricting tobacco advertising, now sponsor "adventures" in holiday resorts, sporting events and musical happenings for young people, using their brand names when promoting the events. Dubek plasters the doors of cars with symbols of their cigarette brands,

breaking the law by failing to add the required Health Ministry warning that smoking is harmful to health; these vehicles are mobile billboards for their products. It lobbies MKs whenever bills to restrict tobacco advertising in the media and smoking in public places are raised in the Knesset.

But the district court case is not the only one that could drive nervous Dubek officials to smoke (in fact, few tobacco executives here or abroad smoke, as they know what's in their product). Aware of the proposal in which US tobacco manufacturers would pay \$368 billion to health authorities and tobacco victims, Dubek fears that our own government will emulate this idea.

So far, although the health budget is over NIS 1.3 billion in deficit and the Treasury has pushed for severe cuts in vital public services, neither Health Minister Yehoshua Matza nor Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman have jumped onto the anti-smoking bandwagon of Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri, who has the blessing of Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. Benizri asked the State Attorney's Office two months ago to look into the possibility of suing tobacco importers and manufacturers, but only now have government lawyers gotten around to tell him the ministry's legal adviser should have applied, rather than the deputy minister. The government should pursue this legal option immediately.

Israeli cigarettes, despite taxes, are still among the cheapest in the Western world. Studies of "sin taxes" have shown that for every 10% increase in price, use of products that are taxed (such as cigarettes or alcoholic beverages) drops by 4%. Since treating tobacco-related diseases — which kill an average of 5,500 Israelis per year, or 10 times the road-accident toll — costs the economy NIS 1 billion annually, smokers should be required to pay more for their "sin." The Treasury's claim that higher taxes would lead to smuggling can be dismissed, as that hasn't stopped it from putting high customs charges on a wide variety of imports.

The Health Ministry and Treasury should also agree to include smoking-cessation courses in the basket of health services to encourage tobacco addicts to kick the habit, and to set a "dedicated tax" on cigarettes whose proceeds would go to a government publicity and education campaign against smoking. Such a program has significantly reduced smoking in one Australian state. Even before the court ruling, initiatives such as these could immediately help clear the air.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAREDI DEMAGOGUERY

Sir, — Among the most insidious techniques of demagoguery is the exploitation of anecdotes as a substitute for cogently reasoned argument. What has Jonathan Rosenblum (*The Jerusalem Post*, August 15) proven by citing the example of the non-orthodox young woman who made a tasteless reference to a talit? Has he thereby exonerated the four yeshiva students who are accused of murder? Or the yeshiva students whose "learning" is eminently reflected in their expertise in spitting, hooting and hurling rocks and dung and garbage at fellow Jews in prayer?

Rosenblum's pomposity

hungers for anecdotal self-praise. A Yale student invited to Rosenblum's home can become an Orthodox rabbi, another backpacker tapped by a rabbi is still at the yeshiva "18 years later." What does all this prove — except the usual condescending, paternalistic, hollow triumphalism of those so-called religionists whose "legitimacy" needs the endorsement of police to brutalize senior citizens, middle-aged men and women and young boys and girls who want nothing else but to pray. The most cynical allusion of all, however, is Rosenblum's invoking the vision of the young paratrooper at the Western Wall during the

Six-Day War. Thank God, that particular paratrooper was spared. So many others gave their lives for what is now being perverted into a shrine to the ruthless extortionate policies of anti-Zionist clerics. How dare Rosenblum characterize groups like the Women at the Wall and the Masorti Movement on Shavuot and Tisha Be'av as "politicizing the Wall" when the so-called "religious" parties are the arch politicizers (in the worst sense) of every dimension of spirituality and morality left in traditional Judaism.

RABBI AVRAHAM FEDER
Jerusalem.

STATE OF BANALITY

Sir, — Israel TV reported and showed the dead bodies of two Hizbullah members this weekend, together with a report that they were killed in action. One of the uniformed persons was described as the son of the Hizbullah chief in Lebanon and that our soldiers took the bodies with them upon retreat from the scene of action to possi-

bly facilitate the return of the body of our soldier killed in action the previous weekend.

Have we reached a state of banality? We seem to live in a human jungle where normality, including human values, is counterproductive!

The army unit carrying out the operation did what was expected

of them. But those who ordered the soldiers to return with the Hizbullah bodies apparently risked the lives of many of our soldiers to achieve such a dubious goal.

H. H. MENDELSON
Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 17, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that the League of Nations Council had authorized Great Britain to proceed with a plan for the partition of Palestine and adopted British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's plan to send a new Commission to the country.

50 years ago: On September 17, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported the opening of the Second Annual Session of the UN General Assembly at Flushing Meadows. Palestine was placed on the Assembly's 69-points agenda. Yemen and

Pakistan, new UN members, were added to the Arab bloc. In Palestine Col. V.H. Rivers, murdered by Arab robbers near Hebron, was buried at the Ramle military cemetery.

Mystery explosions caused the sirens to sound three times during Rosh Hashana in Jerusalem.

Masked men, armed with sticks, forced their way into Tel Aviv cinemas' projection rooms and put on Irgun Zvai Leumi records and slides.

"Help the Fatherland — Do Not Buy Jewish Products!" — The Central Arab Boycott Committee urged in notices to the Arab press.

25 years ago: On September 17, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported massive "largest ever" strikes on terrorist bases in Lebanon. The armored and infantry columns — under cover of artillery — penetrated 25 kms. into South Lebanon. Three Israeli soldiers were killed and six wounded in the action. Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. David Elazar said that the successful operation "will not end the war, but it provides a major contribution in our war against terrorists." The strictest possible orders were issued to avoid involving the civilian population.

Alexander Zvielli

OPINION

"What can I do - it's legal..."



Dissidents on both sides

MOSHE ZAK

Et tu, Rabbi Alexander Shindler? It strains belief to see his name on the list of 40 Jews requesting President Clinton to apply equal pressure on Netanyahu and Arafat. It strains belief and understanding, but it's a fact. The clever Shindler, who has worked over the years for the unity of the Jewish people — and for the solidarity of US Jews with the Israeli government — was one of the letter's signatories, a mischievous intended to emphasize a rift in the US Jewish community. The man who, when chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations supported Begin after the latter's election despite their political differences, is now telling President Clinton that he disagrees with the Israeli government.

Shindler always knew that the solidarity of US Jews with the elected government in Jerusalem — any elected government — is an asset for Israel. Indeed, he used to say that US Jews' support for Israel doesn't depend on who is prime minister in Jerusalem. And Shindler can point with pride to a series of political achievements in the hot summer of 1977 which ended with Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. Carter was stunned at the strength of the Jewish protest against his agreement with Andrei Gromyko on 1 October 1977 to convene an international conference. Four days later Carter retreated from his agreement with Gromyko, after he learned that Shindler and Moshe Dayan were about to set out on a coast-to-coast lecture tour to cultivate Jewish opposition.

In the ornithological terms customary in politics, Shindler is considered a "dove," but nevertheless he was friendly with Begin the "hawk" and even supported him. He can be proud that his support for Begin blocked the way to a forced American-Soviet agreement and paved the alternative route to peace with Egypt.

Alexander Shindler personified the US Jewish consensus. He had firm political opinions, and did not always agree with the policies of the Jerusalem government, but he understood that a

break-up of Jewish solidarity with the elected government of Israel would harm both the Jewish community in the US and the state of Israel.

That's why it's so strange that Shindler has suddenly changed his mind and joined the crew trying to alienate the US Jewish community from Israel. Is consensus a thing of the past?

DIASPORA Jews have the right to be involved in Israeli affairs.

Two US millionaires are breaking the US Jewish consensus on Israel

The Law of Return makes them potential Israeli citizens, and as soon as they arrive in Israel they can take citizenship. But there is a difference between expressing an opinion and taking political action against the Israeli government, whether from the Left or the Right or from those who used to call themselves centrist. Calling on the US president to pressure Israel to let Arafat off the hook cannot be considered as just expressing an opinion. It's interference, even if it's supported by local politicians.

The 40 Jewish activists' letter has also opened the door to extreme measures from both sides, Left and Right: from Stanley Sheinbaum on one side and Irving Moskowitz on the other. The two are poles apart, both geographically (one in Los Angeles and the other in Miami) and ideologically.

Peace Now supporter Sheinbaum and Ateret Cohanim enthusiast Moskowitz are trying to dictate the Israeli government's agenda and priorities.

Stanley Sheinbaum rushed to a meeting in Stockholm (with four other Jews) in order to sanitize Arafat in world opinion, five years

before the Israel's representatives signed the Oslo Agreement with Arafat's aides. The millionaire, whose family has made a fortune from selling illusions on celluloid, is promoting the illusion that Arafat has abandoned the path of terrorism. This is why he is urgently requesting Clinton to reduce the amount of American aid to Israel by the \$40 million Israel owes the Palestinian Authority.

Not satisfied with giving advice, he has also told the Clinton administration that a majority of US Jews oppose Netanyahu's policies, and so the administration can do whatever it likes to Netanyahu's government. The Jewish-American backbone has been broken.

Dr. Irving Moskowitz is ready to give to any Jewish charity, unlike Sheinbaum, who once spoke out in public against Jewish funds that only give to Jewish causes. Moskowitz has a warm Jewish heart, and gives to Jewish and Israeli causes, especially in Jerusalem. But he is unintentionally making life more difficult for the Israeli government in the struggle for Jerusalem. Israel's jurisdiction over united Jerusalem doesn't depend on demonstrations for Jerusalem, nor on settling families in the house in Ras el-Amud bought by Moskowitz's donations. Even if the families hadn't been settled in the house, the Mount of Olives is and remains in Israeli hands.

But relocating the families calls for redeployment of security forces in Jerusalem, and the redeployment is the responsibility of the Israeli government, not of a donor in Miami.

Israel's interests require a return to consensus in the great US Jewish community, a return to the formula of a united front of support for the policies that have been decided by a majority of the Knesset in Israel. Assisting external forces to change these policies calls into question the democratic foundations of the state.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist.

The right direction

ZALMAN SHOVAL

remain in the government and at the same time threaten its very existence.

YAAKOV Neeman remembers his tenure as director-general of the Ministry of Finance under the late Yigal Hurwitz, and he wants to change the way things are done. Hurwitz tried to reform Israel's economy but he

Neeman's only commitment is to the economic targets he has set and to the economic policies outlined by the prime minister

was ultimately brought down by a lack of support from the prime minister and his own Likud party.

Neeman's lack of formal political affiliation may actually be an asset. Trying to tackle many of Israel's longstanding economic problems, he doesn't feel shackled by political obligations, nor does he have political ambitions. His only commitment is to the economic targets he has set for himself and to the economic policies outlined by the prime minister.

There are those who think that Neeman is bound to fail because he is trying to do too much all at once. Let's hope they are wrong.

Be that as it may, he deserves the support of all those who understand that without dismantling many of the vested interests which have played havoc with Israel's economy for so long we won't be able to gain our rightful place in the world's economy.

There was, for instance, a big hullabaloo about Neeman's proposals for reforming the country's religious institutions. Although he had to compromise on the matter, one must hope that he did so only as an interim step on the road toward furthering his goal. Regardless, it takes a lot of chutzpah to accuse Neeman, an observant Jew, of wanting to hurt religion or religious services. He did try to do away with some of the vested interests controlling the bureaucratic and costly institutions providing — not always very efficiently — religious services.

Most of Israel's past finance ministers have used the previous year's budget as a basis for preparing the next year's budget. Small wonder, then, that it has been an eternity since anybody took a hard look at many of the actual functions for which the government is allocating the taxpayers' money. Israel's present government is clearly determined to change these practices in order to get our economy on an even keel. Neeman is moving in the right direction; let's hope the politicians won't trip him up.

The writer is a former Likud MK and ambassador to Washington.

Muffle our minds

RUTHIE BLUM

In the midst of reportage on the bloody Ben-Yehuda bombings two weeks ago, my tears were interrupted by another newsworthy item: Dr. Eliahu Rosen, a Jerusalem gynecologist, had confessed to the murder of a woman suing him for child support to raise her 11-year-old daughter, whom she claimed was the fruit of his loins.

Being the considerate fellow he is, Dr. Rosen shot the woman through a pillow. This he did so as not to disturb the slumber of the daughter he did not wish to acknowledge.

In the morning, the new orphan awoke to find her mother drenched in blood.

Now, I can attest to the fact that Dr. Rosen is considerate. I ought to know. He used to be my doctor. Before he decided to spend the rest of his life in prison, that is. Of course, he may end up with less than a life sentence, due to mitigating circumstances. Delivering babies all day is hard work, after all. And at least he took special care to muffle the murder through a pillow.

The first time I encountered Dr. Rosen, he was making recovery-room rounds in a Jerusalem maternity hospital. A woman who had just awakened from an unpleasant gynecological procedure asked if she might have a pain killer. "What do you need drugs for?" he bellowed disdainfully at the post-operative patient. "Stop wailing! It's only your uterus contracting!" Witness to this exchange, I figured he simply must have forgotten what a contracting uterus felt like. Furthermore, warning patients about the hazards of unnecessary drug ingestion was commendable.

The next time I encountered him was in his private clinic, where I landed after receiving numerous glowing recommenda-

I felt a bit disconcerted by the news of my obstetrician's episode with the mother of a child he had sired

tions. Pregnant with twins, I was intent on being monitored by someone reliable and considerate. He turned out to be both.

The considerate MD then gave me a whirlwind run-through of the possible pitfalls of pregnancy with twins. I listened nervously, while staring at the thick gold links of the chain catching the hairs of his chest, which was exposed all the way to his navel.

Then I paid him an exorbitant fee, and exited his clinic, feeling that I was in the hands of a great diagnostician, not merely of a considerate man.

Upon arriving home from that and subsequent visits to the doctor's office, I discussed his virtues with other women. Consensus deemed him a top-notch physician, with a heart even larger and more golden than his necklace. It also viewed him as a man whose entire goal in life was to bring healthy babies into the world, and to take excellent care of their mothers — for whom he had the greatest admiration and respect — in the process. Rumors of violent run-ins with ex-wives and neighbors were pooh-poohed as hogwash, perpetrated by scorned women or doctors harboring professional jealousy.

So it was that I felt a bit disconcerted by the news of my obstetrician's episode with the mother of a child he himself had sired. If it weren't for his use of the muffer pillow, I might have forgotten completely about his positive attributes, consideration being one of them.

WHEN the wind which had been knocked out of me returned, the suicide bombings were back on the screen. Commentators were quoting Yasser Arafat claiming there was little he could do about terrorists trained outside of Palestinian Authority jurisdiction. Otherwise he would be doing his utmost to curb such carnage. He wants peace just as much as the next guy, after all.

Like Dr. Rosen, Arafat comes highly recommended. He, too, is extremely considerate. He, too, extracts exorbitant fees in exchange for services rendered.

In addition, many of the people who deal with him view his gruff exterior as veiling good intentions, all of which involve the sanctity of life.

The difference is that he doesn't smoke or leave his shirt open to the waist. And, when committing murder, he neither muffles the blast nor confesses.

The human capacity for self-delusion is mind-boggling.

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DISK-COVERY



All dolled up

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Barbie Mesaperet Sipurim, a Hebrew translation of a CD-ROM by Mattel Media, distributed by Machshevet (<http://www.scops.com> on the Internet), for ages six and up, NIS 149.

Rating: five stars out of five

Barbie Me'atzevet Ofna, a Hebrew translation of a CD-ROM by Mattel Media, distributed by Machshevet, for ages six and up, NIS 189, or NIS 229 with a Barbie doll.

Rating: five stars out of five

When it comes to playing and working on a computer, boys' outnumber girls by a wide margin. There is little or no gender bias in educational software, but CD-ROM games, with their "killing" the "enemy" and other action, are geared mainly for boys.

Finally, here are two excellent, imaginative programs perfect for girls. (Don't be surprised if their brothers slip the disks into the CD-ROM drive on the sly and enjoy them too.)

Regarding the blonde, blue-eyed bombshell as soulless, I never had a Barbie doll. I haven't bought one for my daughter, as I disapprove of a product aimed at coining parents into buying an endless wardrobe of expensive Barbie clothes and accessories for "addicted" kids.

But these disks add a new dimension to playing dress-up with dolls.

Barbie Mesaperet Sipurim turns the user into a film director. Choosing scenery, characters, sounds, animation and dialogue, one can weave these elements into thousands of variations.

Me'atzevet Ofna turns the user into a fashion designer, putting together outfits from a variety of components, colors and patterns. Barbie comes to life as a model on the runway wearing the user's own creation.

Containing an excellent help menu in spoken Hebrew to explain every step of the way, each program is perfectly designed for children, even those a bit younger than six. All the icons on the screen are also identified in Hebrew, and the accompanying instruction booklets are very detailed.

In the first disk, one enters the Barbie Studio, a lovely pastel home screen with several options. Going into the pavilion for the construction of sets, the user may click on a variety of backgrounds in and around Barbie's mansion — from her kitchen and bedroom to her stables, complete with horses. A separate coloring pavilion allows one to change the colors of each set, section by section, using

a rainbow of shades.

One may choose from a selection of 15 items to add to the set, from birds and butterflies to hearts and fishbowls. Five of the 15, such as flying musical notes, move in animation. Barbie, her boyfriend Ken, and a number of other characters in a variety of outfits and positions (including some that sit down in a chair) can be selected as the stars of each frame.

There is also the option of writing Hebrew text (surrounded by fancy borders) in any of several fonts to use as printed dialogue. One may also add any of nine types of background music, from classical to jazz.

For special effects, the user can mark out the path on the set that each actor will take, and designate the speed of movement and reduce the size as it moves farther away. If she has a microphone, the user can add her own recorded dialogue anywhere in the scene.

After a visit to the editing pavilion, the user puts the scenes in the correct order and finally watches the whole "film" as she created it — feeling a great sense of accomplishment for a unique product.

The Barbie designer disk is no less satisfying. One starts with Barbie in her underwear. (This may offend some very Orthodox parents, but one can dress her so modestly that she wouldn't look out of place in Mea She'arim.) From a palette of choices, the user selects clothing components suited for a vacation, a wedding, work, a date, or a party. Click another icon to choose among handbags, belts, hats, scarves, hats and footwear (from high heels to rollerblades). Once Barbie has been dressed, the user selects patterns for the clothing and suitable colors.

Once one has decided on her outfit, one clicks an icon to see how Barbie looks in a three-dimensional view; then another is clicked — waiting a minute or so until the computer has set it up — to see Barbie sashaying down the runway in the outfit your little one designed. Since the variations are endless, it never gets boring.

The box containing the software is packed with special paper and cloth that can be printed on an ink-jet printer (not a "primitive" dot matrix). The user can select an outfit, print it in color, cut it out, and dress her own Barbie doll! Tulle for a wedding veil, plastic shoes and boots, glitter and other paraphernalia are enclosed, along with tiny pieces of Velcro to attach the clothes to the doll.

Even if you don't have an ink-jet printer, the disk will bedazzle kids and spark their imagination.

Congratulations to Mattel Media and Machshevet for two wonderful pieces of software.

NetSnitch: Orwell's Big Brother, or healthy parental concern?

To a teenager, watchful parents can seem an awful lot like Big Brother.

Now the analogy is just a little more apt, at least on the Internet, because of new software that lets parents trail their children through cyberspace.

The software, called NetSnitch, is being pitched as a tool for parents who don't want to censor their kids. Unlike other "net minders," which block children from visiting sites deemed too racy or violent, NetSnitch just records where they've been and how long they've been there.

"Sounds to me like Orwellian parenting," said Marc Rotenberg, director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center. "You might as well drop a video camera in your kid's bedroom."

That's not what parents Stanley Wallerstein and Jacinta Cullen had

in mind two years ago, when they came up with the idea of NetSnitch after bringing home a computer for their two sons, then 11 and seven. Although they wanted some control over their children's on-line wanderings, they didn't like any of the commercial products then available for parents.

Those programs — Cyber Patrol and NetNanny among them — have been criticized as heavy-handed and unreliable. They need constant updating, and can block inoffensive sites by mistake.

And the software developer, not the parent, decides which sites are objectionable.

"We were concerned, like most parents, about what was on the Internet," Wallerstein said. "But we weren't comfortable with the idea of someone else censoring what our family could see."

So Wallerstein and Cullen got a

friend to adapt technology used to monitor employees in the workplace, then set up shop at a Web site and a small office. With NetSnitch, parents call up a screen display that shows each Web site visited by a previous user during an Internet session, and how much time was spent at each site. A click of the mouse takes the parent directly to any of the sites. If NetSnitch is disabled, it leaves notice that it was bypassed.

PROGRAMS like NetSnitch have more to do with parenting philosophies than with software development, said Don DePalma, a senior analyst with Forrester Research Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"From a technology perspective, it's not rocket science. From a parenting perspective, it all comes down to trust — trust vs. prevention," he said. "This is a really

tough call. Do you want to tell your kid you don't trust them?"

NetSnitch manager Bob Reardon says he wants parents to tell their children the program is in place, and not to try to catch them unawares.

"It's not like we're trying to sneak up on these kids. It's to remind them that they shouldn't be there, and that there might be consequences," he said.

Indeed, NetSnitch could appeal to parents who are concerned about their children spending too much time at the computer, but believe that some exploration of taboo material is inevitable, or even healthy.

"Part of the reason the market has produced so many different options is that no two parents are going to have exactly the same point of view," said Jonah Seiger, spokesman for the Washington-based Center for Democracy and

Technology.

Unlike the Electronic Privacy Information Center, Seiger's group believes that the more kinds of filtering software available, the better. Several groups recently joined President Bill Clinton in urging the industry to take steps to guarantee a "family friendly" Internet. The White House acted less than a month after the Supreme Court struck down the Communications Decency Act of 1996, which was designed to protect children from indecent material on the Internet.

The significance was not lost on the developers of NetSnitch, who pushed up their release date to capitalize on publicity surrounding the decision.

"This puts the parents back in the equation, rather than having some company decide what is suitable for the child," Reardon said. "It gives them control." (AP)

Beep... feed me! Beep... amuse me!

By MAGGIE JACKSON

Across the US, parents are learning just how difficult it can be to care for the hottest toy of the moment: virtual pets.

Just as moms and dads end up cleaning up after the cat or walking the dog, so parents are being pressed into service — often reluctantly, sometimes with embarrassment — as caretakers of the egg-sized computer pets.

Like many parents, Sandy Beckwith didn't realize how much work was required when her 7-year-old daughter asked her to baby-sit her virtual pet. When Beckwith's daughter came home, "the first thing she did was run to her pet and say, 'Mom, you killed it!'" says the freelance writer from Fairport, New York.

With schools banning them across the country, the pets, which beep at all hours to be fed, cleaned and amused, are being mistaken for pagers in executive pockets. They're keeping bleary-eyed parents up at night. And they're stirring passions not usually associated with children's toys.

"I thought it was a neat way to teach responsibility, but it ended up being a parental thing," says Cheryl Kaiser, a spokeswoman for WFD work-family consultants in Boston and mother to a 7-year-old and an infant.

One night at 2 a.m., as her husband slept with the toy next to his pillow, it began to beep. "I'm 50 years old! I can't be doing this!" he said. She yelled, "You can't let it die!"

Tamagotchi, the original computer pet, took US markets by storm in May after proving a hit in Japan. Some 4.5 million Tamagotchis — a name derived from the Japanese words for egg and watch — have sold for around \$15 each. A half-dozen competing cyber-dinosaurs, dogs, cats and other creatures are also selling well.

Finding one to buy is often the easy part. Once activated, the toys beep from every few seconds to every few hours. If the owner doesn't press buttons to meet the pet's demands, the pet dies — a traumatic turn for a young master, even though the toy can be reset to produce another creature.

"Kids were going to the bathroom [worrying about who was going] to feed their pets, or having to think about who was going to watch them," says David Engelson, principal of an elementary school in Vernon, Connecticut, and one of the first educators to ban cyberpets when he clamped down in June. "It was putting a lot of stress on the kids." Schools in Michigan, Texas, California, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington state have imposed bans this fall. Many camps did so this summer.

To smooth the problem, Bandai America Inc., recently began drawing attention to a pause option on its toy, which has been available since June 15 but which most children — and parents — haven't known about. And at least one other competitor, Tiger Electronics, the maker of Giga Pets, is considering adding a pause

function.

The Cape Cod Potato Chip company of Hyannis, Massachusetts, is offering another solution: an employee-staffed "Electronic Pet Daycare Center," where children can send their cyberpets for free baby-sitting during the school year.

One week into the promotion, three pets have arrived, two from employees' children. "But we're prepared for more," says Nicole Bernard, director of marketing.

Some parents don't mind the sitting. "I'm a Mom. I've grown used to the role of guardian," sighs author Leslie Levine of Rochester, New York, who admits that the pet sometimes dies while she's on duty.

Nurse Victoria Manis found out that most colleagues assumed her pager was going off when her daughter's toy whined in recent

weeks at work. Her boss, upon seeing the toy, was so smitten that he asked for a demonstration.

But many other parents draw the line at cyber-sitting.

Beckwith, who killed her daughter's toy, says that she might take care of it again, occasionally. "It's

hard to imagine arranging my schedule around this beeping electronic toy," she says.

Eleven-year-old Nick Bradley says his friends get their mothers to baby-sit for their toys during the school day. But his mom doesn't. "She has a life," he says. (AP)



PARENTING

Don't be oversensitive

By RUTH MASON

In last week's column, psychologist Wendy Mogel explained how some parents, who felt they were not "heard" as children, become particularly sensitive and responsive to their children's feelings. But instead of contributing to their children's emotional health, Mogel says, this practice often helps create demanding, insecure, greedy kids. Several readers wanted to hear more about her thoughts on this phenomenon.

Says Mogel: When we work so hard at listening to our children's feelings, they perceive us as "emotional mining forks." We vibrate along with their feelings by making a big deal out of those feelings. The paradox is that this makes the children feel worse, not better. Our strong reaction communicates anxiety rather than reassurance and understanding.

What children need instead is for us to name and contain feelings — exactly what our parents didn't do because, for their own good reasons, they were nearly phobic about feelings.

They were afraid that if they acknowledged that we were sad, afraid, frustrated, and — especially —

angry, it would be unbearable for them and for us because (1) no one ever accepted and soothed their feelings, so the feelings themselves seemed unfamiliar and frightening, like strangers or foreigners, and (2) they needed validation from us for their worth because parenting was their primary identity; so if we were angry at them or generally miserable, that meant they were not worthy people.

Feelings are like waves in the sea. They ebb and flow naturally. If they get pumped up by parents who, in their lovingkindness, make a big deal about them (children are brilliant about which parental buttons work best) the children get frightened, and their feelings don't subside in a natural way.

Our experience of having feelings ignored, mocked or responded to with panic taught us to stuff them. We paid in inhibition, obsessive doubt and suppressed anger expressed passively. Our children pay for our response by using emotions as a weapon, and by a genuine feeling of being unable to tolerate any discomfort.

The solution requires some delicacy, but is actually less work and easier than the long scenes many par-

ents go through.

1. Tell the child what you see. "You're mad... sad... bored... disappointed... scared."

2. Empathize. Say: "That's rough."

Sometimes you might want to show you understand by sharing a story from your childhood. "I remember feeling that way when I was about your age, or... when my best friend did something like that to me, or... at one of my birthday parties... and so on." But don't do this every time, or you will teach your child that being upset is the best way to attract your attention and get you to tell tales of your youth, which most children love to hear.

3. Don't ask lots of leading questions! But, of course, be available if your child wants to talk.

4. Don't be afraid to reassure your child in an old-fashioned way. "I know you feel miserable now, but it will get better... it will be okay."

5. Most important of all, don't let bad feelings become the surefire trigger for lots of loving attention from Mom and Dad. Without denying emotional pain, you can focus on strength, and match your child's good cheer, strength, optimism and good deeds with your own.

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GARDENER'S CORNER

The sweetest pea of them all

By BAT SHEVA MINK
& DAVID BRAUNER

Have you noticed how our newer garden flowers seem to have lost their delicious aromas? Even a deep sniff produces little or no perfume.

What's happened? Our modern varieties are being bred to perfection, but sadly the feature that made many of them famous - scent - is missing.

But there is still one plant that combines a treasure of height, beauty, color and the luscious fragrance that earned it its name: the sweet pea.

The sweet pea belongs to the pea genus *Lathyrus*, which includes over 100 species of annuals. The originator of modern botany, Linnaeus (1707-78), dubbed this plant *Lathyrus odoratus* for its sugary bouquet. The Hebrew name *afuna rehanit* is an exact translation of the Latin.

The wild sweet pea was first identified in 1697 in Sicily by the monk Father Cupani. In 1700, he sent seeds to a London schoolmaster, Dr. Uvedale, who was one of the few people at the time to possess a heated greenhouse.

The seeds grew into a weedy looking plant, but one distinguished by an exceptionally sweet smell. A century later, its varieties had only increased to six, all with flowers as inconspicuous as the original. In other words, the sweet pea was at best an unimpressive garden plant.

However, in 1870 a Gloucestershire gardener by the name of Henry Eckford recognized a good, commercial thing when he smelled it. He started cross-fertilizing sweet peas for their blossoms. By 1900, of the 264 varieties shown at the sweet-pea exhibition at London's Crystal Palace, half had been raised by Eckford.

In the same year, the Countess

Spencer of Althorp (the great-grandmother of Diana, Princess of Wales), produced the first sweet pea with frilled petals. The variety was duly named after the countess, and almost overnight became a sensation. Since then, interest in this special flower has never waned, and today it is more popular than ever. As a commercial cut flower, many new and lovely shades have been introduced.

Like all pea flowers, sweet peas have a large upright, rounded petal (the banner), two narrow side petals (the wings) and two lower petals, which are sometimes united (the keel). The colors range from pale lavender to a rich purple, from white to cream, and from pink to deep hues of red. Many varieties are two-toned.

Sweet peas are annuals, plants which complete their growing cycle in one year. To support their height, they climb and twine by means of tendrils, which are thin, curly, modified leaves.

The sweet pea is suitable for large and small gardens, and grows happily in pots and boxes. Be careful not to overcrowd them in confined spaces, otherwise their flowering performance will be disappointing. Ten seeds in a large pot, evenly spaced, is more than enough.

Propagation and Planting: While many gardeners buy young plants from nurseries, sweet peas are inexpensive and easy to grow from seeds. They grow at their best when sown in late summer or early fall. Winter sowings may need protection from slugs and birds.

Sweet peas are very deep-rooting plants and look best growing in rows. So you have to loosen up the soil with a shovel or fork to about 30 cm. deep to introduce fresh air. Sprinkle plenty of compost (Hebrew, *kompot*, or *cevet*) on the row and rake level.

Sow the seeds thinly (not too close together) about 2 cm. deep, and cover them with a fine layer of soil. Water after sowing, and then regularly until germination. Pinch out the growing tips when the plant is 10-12 cm. high to induce bushiness.

If you have no time to prepare the ground, seeds may be sown in pots for transplanting at a later date. Two seeds to a small pot the size of a cottage-cheese container is fine.

Be careful when transplanting not to injure the roots. Like all pea family members, sweet peas hate their roots to be disturbed. You can cut away the bottom of your container, and plant the open-bottomed pot in the ground to avoid a setback in growth.

Remember, the earlier you get the plants growing, the better and stronger they will be for their



A delight to the eye - and a sniff of heaven



The sweet pea isn't picky: It will grow anywhere

spring show of flowers. And, importantly, the more flowers you pick, the more flowers you get, and for a longer period of time.

Faded flowers should be removed before seed pods can develop. If you want to save seeds for the next year, let the last of the flowers remain on the plant and pick the pods when they have turned yellowish-brown in color. Remove the seeds from the pods, and when they are dried out, put them in an envelope and store in a dry, airy place. They may also be wrapped in aluminum foil and kept refrigerated for up to two years.

Light: Sweet peas like an open,

sunny site, but will also tolerate partial shade as long as they have at least four hours of sunlight a day. Too much shade tends to cripple them with mildew at the onset of spring.

Support: Provide these climbers with some sort of support, such as sticks, tree branches, a trellis, or a hedge. Well-grown plants can reach up to four meters high.

Watering: Make sure the soil does not dry out completely, because lack of moisture affects the size and quality of the flowers. To retain ground moisture, the plants may be mulched in spring and early summer. Mulch can be

grass cuttings, compost or even picked weeds.

Feeding: Sweet peas require a great deal of nourishment, so don't forget a weekly liquid feed.

Batsheva Mink is a curator of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, Hebrew University, Givat Ram. David Brauner writes the Jerusalem Post's Thursday On Camera column and is a gardening enthusiast.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner e-mail: morris@ashur.cc.hu.ac.il

Tip of the week

To deter slugs from attacking seedlings or freshly planted specimens, sprinkle finely broken-up eggshells around the plants. Top up every 3-4 weeks, since the shell bits often get washed into the soil from rain or watering.

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Dog breath

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A six-and-a-half-year-old cocker spaniel bitch in Herzliya is causing her human companions no end of grief. Although the dog is kept clean and well groomed, the owner writes that "the smell of her breath is enough to floor you. It is foul and she drools all the time. This makes her very unpleasant to be with. Of course she suffers from the fact that we don't pet her as much as we used to until it all began, about a year ago."

Foul breath and excessive drooling often go hand in hand. But there may be totally separate symptoms with separate causes. However, in both cases there are things that must be done.

The first step is to take the dog to a veterinarian and have her mouth thoroughly examined for decaying teeth, gum infection, and pockets between the cheek and gum where bacteria accumulate. Halitosis in dogs often stems from bacterial accumulations in the mouth on teeth and tongue - just as in humans.

If the veterinarian finds a problem, get it corrected. He may need to give the dog a mild anesthetic and clean and scale her teeth to get rid of excess plaque. Many dogs that don't chew enough to keep teeth clean develop this condition. The vet will also be able to treat any periodontal infection.

It is not unusual for "pockets" to form between the cheeks and the gums. This is where bacteria thrive. Many breeds of dog we call "soft mouthed," such as cockers,

bassetts and Labradors, develop these mucous-membrane pockets as they age and facial wrinkles grow deeper.

These pockets, as well as the gums, can be treated with an antiseptic mouthwash. I recommend Gingesan, a herbal preparation available at pharmacies. Dogs seem to endure the taste better than they do the purely chemical mouthwashes.

Having ruled out or corrected problems in the mouth, note that both bad breath and drooling can be caused by digestive complaints. One should not feed starches such as potatoes, fresh bread or cooked rice to a dog unless she can tolerate them. Some dogs react badly, belching a great deal and expelling intestinal gases - all of which make for a less-than-pleasant companion. Similarly, some dogs do not digest kibbled dog food well because of the soya products in it.

The only way to deal with flatulence and digestive disturbances is by eliminating certain foods from the dog's diet, such as milk products or kibbles, and watch the results. Try feeding single foods for a few days and note any changes. And be sure your dog has access to plenty of fresh water. Too many people think a dish of milk is as good as or even better than a drink of water. It isn't.

This may seem like a lot of trouble, but there are some conditions that cannot be remedied by a pill or a shot. They require intelligent application and some detective work. In the end, when your dog is clean and sweet-smelling, you will both be happier.

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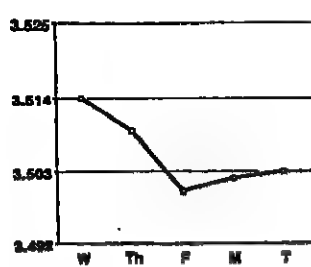
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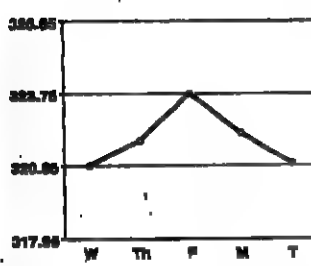
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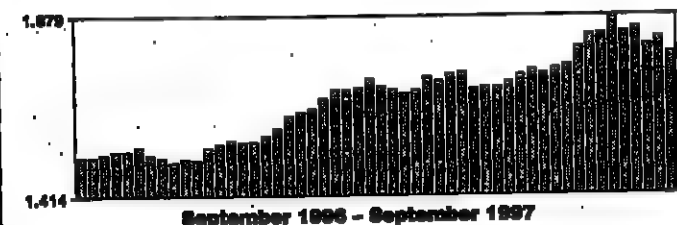


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Judy Siegel

Caltex Petrol. to invest \$50m. here

Texaco-Chevron subsidiary is first foreign oil company to invest in Israel

By DAVID HARRIS

Texas-based Caltex Petroleum Corporation is to invest \$50 million in the local gas distribution market, making it the first foreign oil company to invest here, senior government sources said yesterday.

Confirmation of the size of the investment was provided by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, who refused to name the company involved, but said he had met its representatives along with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu three days ago.

A source close to Netanyahu said that the meeting was with Caltex.

"One of the leading oil companies in the world, I will not say more in order not to disclose [its identity], approached the prime minister and myself and advised that it was going to make an initial investment of \$50m. in Israel," said Neeman. "It's a small investment, but it's a company that never invested in Israel because of the Arab boycott."

Caltex representatives were also scheduled to hold meetings with private companies with a view to joint ventures in third companies, according to an industry source.

"I have been unable to reach those involved, as they are currently traveling, but I can con-

firm that Caltex people were in Israel recently," said the company's corporate communications director, Paul Murphy.

In terms of international oil contracts, the agreement, with an as yet unknown major local distributor, is comparatively small, but it is extremely significant, according to industry sources.

As a result of the success of the Arab boycott, no oil company has ever gone beyond the negotiation stage with regard to entering the local economy.

"During the peace process, most of the major oil corporations came to Israel, but did not invest here," former Energy Ministry director-general Yossi

Vardi said yesterday. "Perhaps they moved in too quickly."

Vardi, who was behind the oil agreement that accompanied peace with Egypt, urged caution. He also pointed to Amoco, which was involved in talks to supply the country with natural gas, but now appear to be no longer a partner.

"This will be wonderful if it happens," said one senior industry source. "From words to actions can take a long time."

It is also worth noting that the local fuel market is currently undergoing a process of liberalization, added the industry source.

Among the plans approved last month by the cabinet is the

opening of at least 100 new gas stations throughout the country. Caltex refines and markets petroleum in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Rim.

The company also holds an interest in 13 refineries in 11 countries, two lubricant refineries, 17 lubricant blending plants, six grease plants, six asphalt plants, and 526 ocean terminals and depots.

Through its subsidiaries, Caltex markets petroleum products through a network of more than 18,000 retail outlets in 30 countries. Caltex is a joint venture between Chevron and Texaco.

In 1996, Caltex generated \$16 billion in sales.

Intel Israel introduces new chip

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Intel announced yesterday that its Haifa laboratory has developed the company's mobile pentium processor, a chip that allows laptops to work 40 percent faster.

"Intel (Israel) is a nerve center of the company," said Dadi Permuter, director of the research and development center.

"We have created products that are main revenue generators, and we are continuing to develop cutting-edge products," Permuter said.

Several months ago, Intel (Israel) released the revolutionary MMX computer chip, which is now used in the majority of PCs currently being produced.

The mobile pentium chip allows computer manufacturers to build laptops that can compete with desktop units in terms of speed.

"Because this chip demands a lower current, computer manufacturers can supply a computer that increases the actual amount of available work time, and that's the most important thing for laptop users," said Muli Eden, who headed the development team.

The mobile pentium processor also allows computer makers to build machines that weigh just 1.2 kilograms.

The new chip is expected to cause a boom in the number of businesses that want to use laptops.

Previously businesses chose more cumbersome desktop computers because they tended to be faster than the handier, mobile units.

"As laptops become faster, we can expect more business to adopt them," said an analyst from Zannex Securities. "Eventually every computer will be a laptop."

Analysts said that the mobile pentium processor represents the next step toward hooking laptop computers to the Internet via cellular, or wireless, connections.

In the last few years, the Haifa plant, one of Intel's two international research and development centers, has been instrumental in developing the companies most advanced chips.

"Intel has gotten a huge return from a very small investment," the Zannex Securities analyst said.

The MMX chip cost \$100 million to develop, while PC's comprise a \$70 billion consumer market.

The mobile pentium processor cost substantially less to develop, since it was based on the already-developed MMX technology.

The company did not release exact figures for the cost of developing the laptop chip.

Approximately 11 million-12 million laptops will be sold this year.



The Japanese bullet trains can reach a maximum speed of 300 kilometers per hour.

Japan's bullet train coming to Israel?

By DAVID HARRIS

Two Japanese corporations are studying the feasibility of introducing the shinkansen or bullet train to Israel, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said yesterday.

The shinkansen, whose maximum speed tops 300 kilometers per hour, would potentially reduce journey time between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to under 30 minutes and the Tel Aviv-Bilat

trip to a mere 75 minutes.

Planners are also considering the prospect of linking the trains to regional capitals.

"Japanese companies are interested in investing in infrastructure in Israel, mainly in highways and railroads," said Neeman, who was in Japan last month. "I've been approached by two major Japanese companies who are studying how and whether they should introduce

the bullet train to Israel."

Nissho Iwai, Japan's sixth largest corporation and the 13th biggest worldwide, is working on feasibility studies for a railroad that would run from the Israeli side of the Dead Sea to the Red Sea via Jordan, said Koichi Naito, general manager of the company's Tel Aviv office.

Japan first set the pace for high-speed railways with the 1964 opening of the Tokaido

Shinkansen line between Tokyo and Osaka.

With its sleek appearance and record-breaking speeds, the shinkansen ('new trunk line' in Japanese) soon became known as the 'bullet train'. The original 0 series trains are still in operation today. The initial line to Osaka now extends to Hakata in the west, and more routes have been opened in the north and northeastern parts of Japan.

FDA okays Pharmos steroid

Firm expects \$70 million in sales over three years

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Pharmos and Bausch & Lomb recently announced that the US Food and Drug Administration sent an approvable letter for Lotemax, a topical ophthalmic steroid developed at Pharmos's research and development center in Rehovot.

Five-year-old Pharmos, a biotechnology company headquartered in Alachua, Florida that has

yet to sell its first product, says it expects Lotemax to generate \$70m. in sales over a three year period, beginning at the end of 1997.

"This means a lot for us," said CEO Haim Aviv, adding that Pharmos invested \$20-\$25m. to develop the drug.

The company rose slightly to close at \$2.46 after the announcement was made yesterday.

The approvable letter indicates that the companies have met most of the FDA's requirements. They must now address several technical issues, such as the wording on the packaging, before marketing the treatment.

Bausch & Lomb will manufacture and market Lotemax in the United States and Europe, and Pharmos will manufacture the active ingredient. Pharmos will receive between 25-30 percent of revenues. Pharmos and Bausch & Lomb are now trying to obtain clearance to market Lotemax in Europe and Israel.

Pharmos said Lotemax, the only such treatment for inflammation suffered by contact lens wearers,

does not cause side effects, such as elevated internal ocular pressure, or other eye treatments.

This is the third Israeli-developed, original drug to receive FDA approval. Teva's MS treatment, Copaxone, and a growth hormone developed by Biotechnology General previously gained entry to the US market.

Pharmos is currently developing three other ethical drugs for head injuries and strokes, post-cataract surgery conditions and ophthalmic allergies. Aviv said that the FDA's approval for Lotemax should help Pharmos get approval for the other treatments, since the leading ingredient is the same.

The company, which has filed a New Drug Application for the anti-allergy treatment, expects to receive FDA approval in early 1998.

Bausch & Lomb has rights to the ophthalmic treatments.

Earlier in the year, Pharmos and Chiron Corporation announced an agreement to jointly market a technology designed to make protein-based drugs such as insulin and beta interferon more effective.

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Bezeq awards \$100 million contract

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Bezeq yesterday announced the awarding of a \$100 million contract for billing and customer service systems to a US-Israeli consortium.

The contract was awarded to American Management Systems, Inc. and Amdocs Inc. of the US and Formula Software Systems of Herzliya.

The companies will develop systems designed to help Bezeq provide more efficient and user friendly services.

The project will take two years.

FSS, which will receive \$30m., hopes the deal, the largest one it has ever received, will mushroom into international projects.

"We are hopeful that this project, coupled with FSS's past experience in developing software systems for the telecommunications industry within Israel, will lead to opportunities for the company to provide these services to businesses outside of Israel," said Meir Moshe, CFO of Idan, FSS's parent company.

Meanwhile, Crystal Systems Solutions Ltd., also a subsidiary of Idan, recently announced a

contract for an undisclosed sum to supply Ford Motor Co. with conversion software for European currencies.

The software allows companies to convert their records into the euro, the single European currency.

According to the contract, Ford will install Crystal's C-Mill euro-currency conversion software at all its mainframe sites throughout Europe.

Crystal is best known for developing a solution to the Millennium 2000 problem, or the inability of many computers to recognize the year 2000.

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GRUER FAY CASHMAN



Despite all the legal suits being filed against cigarette companies in the US and Israel by smokers who believe that smoking caused them to become susceptible to life-threatening illnesses, new cigarette brands continue to flood the market. Case in point is Bond Street by Philip Morris, which is being marketed here by Menashe H. Eliashar. To mark its launching, a special reception was held at the Das Hotel, Tel Aviv. Guest of honor was Sarindar Maund (right), regional representative for Philip Morris, who was greeted by Oded Eliashar, the managing director of the family-owned company.

Ettie Geller has been named head of Laser Clinics at Assuta Hospital. Among her previous positions, she was administrative and marketing manager of the Open University's School for Languages.

Telephone Communications has announced the appointment of Kobi Erez as deputy manager of customer services. Erez, 41, joined Telephone in 1992, and until his new appointment served as manager of the company's data systems. Erez was responsible for the establishment of Telephone's operating system and for the development of many of the company's projects.

Yair Feldman has been named the manager of Manpower Information Technology, a subsidiary of Manpower Israel. Manpower is the world's largest provider of solutions to manpower problems. An economics and business management graduate of Bar-Ilan University, Feldman has held several senior management positions, among them projects manager at Elad Program Systems and supervisor of the computer unit at the Israel Air Force's flying school.

Prof. Moti Mironi has been named the academic head of the new club that will meet on a

quarterly basis to discuss the legal implications in work relations, management and human resources. The club, which was established within the framework of the Israel Management Center, will devote itself to the clarification of labor laws.

Yoram Oringel is the new general manager of Moyan, one of the country's foremost manufacturers of toys and schoolbags. An engineering and business management graduate of the Haifa Technion, Oringel's previous positions have included plant manager of Israphar Industries and plant manager of Salvoplast Industries.

Yossi Cantor has resigned as general manager of Goldmet to take up the post of AT&T manager in Israel. He is the first Israeli manager to head local activities since AT&T established its offices in Israel. He replaces Yehi Barile, who is returning to the US after four years of service here. Cantor is being temporarily replaced at Goldmet by Ophir Bar-On, deputy marketing and sales manager for Goldmet. Bar-On is the leading candidate to permanently replace Cantor.

Finance Minister Yashov Neeman has appointed lawyer **Miri Katz** as the new head of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The appointment becomes effective on September 21.

Givat Brenner Furniture has announced the appointment of **Gil Fogel** as its general manager. Fogel is an industrial engineering and business management graduate of Tel Aviv University.

The Hambrecht & Quist-Tamir Fishman Investment Bank has announced the appointment of Avi Israly as general manager of the bank's company financing division. Israly, 34, is a lawyer by training and holds an MBA from the prestigious Insead School in Fontainebleau, France.

The forces driving the TASE

By NEIL COHEN

How much faith do you have in Yaakov Neeman's powers of persuasion and ability to build an intelligent consensus around the budget cuts and economic reforms he proposes? Will the prime minister back him to the hilt, and will that get the job done? Will David Levy put aside personal electoral considerations and give intelligent thought to the nation as a whole for a little while? (Almost certainly not, to that last question.) And finally, where is Wall Street heading?

These are the main factors — not counting major political surprises — that will determine the direction of the TASE in the weeks and months to come. My crystal ball is pretty cloudy as far as internal politics goes. My sense is that Neeman is creative and determined enough to get some cuts through, but the strength of the opposition and interest groups within the coalition combined with the reactionary nature of the Netanyahu will stand in the way of Neeman accomplishing even close to what he wants.

The outcome of the budget discussions for the market will likely fall somewhere between mildly negative and mildly positive. Only an extreme outcome will swing

the market sharply either way. Ironically, I think it will be the foreign markets that will have the most powerful influence over Tel Aviv in the short term.

There has been a marked drop off in market volume recently and most observers ascribe this to foreign investors' far greater wariness of emerging markets.

The huge devaluations seen by the currencies of some of the leading Asian economies led to sharp falls in their stock markets. The result has been that investors are now pretty gun-shy when it comes to most nontraditional markets.

To cap all this, New York has been pretty nervy. Volatility has increased considerably and sharp rises and sharper falls have become an almost daily occurrence. Whatever one thinks about the valuation and future of the US market, this is bad news for equity investors and could well point to some short-term pain ahead. Most major markets have already headed south, albeit not very sharply. But any continuation or worsening of this situation will bode badly for world markets, and that includes the Asian

The primary market has pretty much dried up with several issues, including some pretty decent-quality ones, pulled close to their scheduled offering date. While a

symptom of pessimism about the market, this has the positive effect of eliminating some excess supply, diverting demand into existing issues and thereby lending some support to the market.

There were rumors over the weekend that Indigo and Scitex were in merger talks. Both companies rushed to issue denials, and while Indigo's stock rose slightly on the rumor, it had no perceptible impact on Scitex. Both companies

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are clearly troubled, though Scitex seems to be showing some early signs of possible recovery. It is ironic that the most successful stock out of our two portfolios is the product of the merger of two ailing Israeli companies operating in more or less the same field. I refer, of course, to Orbotech, which was acquired out of the

These two companies operated in the same market, which wasn't big enough for both of them to coexist profitably. The merger cre-

NEIL'S PORTFOLIO

	No. of shares	Cost/Share	Total cost	Current price	Current value
Convertible					
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Teves	7.24	1,035.60	7.49	1,961.40	14,204.46
Bank Tefahot	6.22	1,303.34	8.101	2,466.15	15,328.11
Ampal	660.00	\$4.75	10,025	\$5.25	12,158.70
Chai Israel	143.68	69.60	10,025	109.00	15,661.01
Charmel Container	341.00	\$9.00	10,020	\$8.13	9,722.12
Dan Hotels	425.65	8.81	3.769	9.65	4,107.50
Orbotech	125.00	\$14.50	6,577	\$57.75	25,330.60
Jeffera Tabari	556.80	8.98	5,025	11.06	6,158.21
Yanac	640.00	7.75	5,010	9.61	6,150.40
IDB	1,432.66	3.49	5,025	3.79	5,429.78
Koor	28.00	357.05	10,017	369.22	10,338.16
1 month cash deposit at 12%					15,591.21
Total portfolio value			100,000		164,865.20
Aggressive					
Luznik Commercial ordinary	3,024.19	1.24	3,775	2.26	6,834.66
Chai Electronics	24.47	283.38	6,952	484.13	11,846.66
Blue Square Co-Op	470.37	21.26	10,025	28.90	13,593.69
Tower Semiconductor	324.00	\$5.75	6,594	\$20.88	23,733.12
Israel Chemicals	3,488.37	2.58	9,023	4.15	14,476.74
Delek Auto	1,219.88	3.32	4,075	5.77	6,794.73
Biotech General	224.00	\$11.00	8,482	\$13.50	10,611.22
Luzni Mortgage convertible	3,846.15	1.30	5,025	1.35	3,961.33
Grant convertible series 2	3,906.25	1.28	5,025	1.34	3,214.84
Home Center	283.00	\$5.25	5,021	\$6.25	6,508.54
Discount Investments	120.00	244.86	9,819	102.75	12,330.00
Israel Corporation	47.33	211.30	10,025	252.00	11,936.15
Qinfa Point	180.33	41.59	7,525	46.94	8,464.69
Top Income	332.00	\$4.25	5,015	\$6.50	7,572.42
Avivah Insurance	729.93	6.85	5,020	6.85	5,000.00
1 month cash deposit at 12%			100,000		20,772.00
Total portfolio value					170,839.00
Defensive					
Al-Riv 4 convertible	5,847.85	.855	5,020	.855	5,000.00
1 month deposit at 12%			94,975		94,980.00
Total			100,000		99,980.00

◆ THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT ◆

BY GREER FAY CASHMAN

18.9 More than 30 leading companies will talk about their individual cutting edge qualities at the Hambrecht & Quist-Tamir Fishman Communication and Internet Conference at the Tel Aviv Hilton. The various company presentations, which will run from 10 a.m. through to 6 p.m., will be preceded by analyses on worldwide market trends in communications and the Internet.

22.9 No matter how good a business may be, it can always improve through more effective management of human resources. This is the message that the Israel Business Institute seeks to convey in its Personal Capital '97 Conference on human resources in business. Those attending the conference at the Dan Panorama convention center in Tel Aviv will real-

ize that any business is as good as the people who operate it.

23.9 The Jerusalem Business Development Center, in conjunction with Israel Discount Bank, the Israel Export Institute and the Small Business Authority, will hold an evening seminar for beginning exporters, company owners and heads of businesses with export potential. Participants attending the seminar at the Chen Hotel, Jerusalem, will be introduced to the export network and the various processes required before export can get under way. They will also learn about marketing for export trade and what avenues of assistance are available to small businesses.

The Conference Circuit appears weekly on Tuesdays.

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Wright, Schmeichel: Birds of a feather

Last season the combative duo of Ian Wright and Peter Schmeichel were in the headlines for all the wrong reasons. This weekend both men were again worthy of a few column inches, for entirely the right reasons.

But rather than the kind of screaming headlines we witnessed during last season's long, drawn-out row over Schmeichel's supposedly racist comments to Wright after a particularly ill-advised challenge by the Arsenal striker, this time the pundits came to praise them.

Manchester United and Arsenal, the two heavyweights of the Premiership, were not playing each other, so the attention was more to do with separate achievements by each man which once again contributed massively to their clubs' causes.

And given the historical significance of his contribution, it was Wright who grabbed most of the headlines.

Fresh from two goals for England in the 4-0 midweek defeat of Moldova, he scored a hat trick against Bolton at Highbury, which saw him match, surpass and then build upon Cliff Bastin's 51-year record of 178 goals for the Gunners.

Since joining the Gunners from Crystal Palace in 1991, Ian Wright has done enough to warrant his own bust alongside Herbert Chapman in the famous marble halls. He has averaged 29 goals a season for the past six seasons and he now stands on 180 Arsenal goals from 259 appearances. Not many would bet on him putting the record well out sight during the rest of this season. And Schmeichel? Well, no landmark achievement to speak of from him during the 2-1 defeat of West Ham which saw United move ominously to the top of the Premiership.

Truth be told, he didn't put in a particularly good performance. He was wrong-footed by Gary Pallister's weak back header and John Harrison nipped in to open the scoring for the Hammers. And late in the game Schmeichel nearly contrived to drop an innocent attempt on goal behind him and into the net. Yet with United already 1-0 down, Paul Kitson raced through on goal with the chance to give the visitors an even bigger lead. Call it positioning, call it presence but Schmeichel raced from his goal, blocked the attempt and the moment had passed.

Yet as West Ham manager Harry Redknapp admitted the save was the turning point. Once again Schmeichel had literally saved United. At first glance, there might not seem to be much in common between a 6-foot-4 blond, Danish goalkeeper whose public utterances verge on the non-existent and a black, Woolwich-born striker who has become the media's favorite sound bite supplier.

Yet if one looks a little deeper

it is remarkable how similar these two very different characters really are in terms of their influence on the game.

Born just fifteen days apart in November 1963, both exhibit a kind of talismanic presence in their side. Ink in Schmeichel's

name on the team sheet and opposing forwards know they will be facing up to a man who has made "thou shalt not pass" his own special commandment during his six years at Old Trafford.

Much was made of Eric Cantona's influence in securing four Premiership titles in five seasons during his topsy-turvy tenure of that famous No. 7 shirt. Yet during those five seasons, it was the brooding, brawling, brilliant Schmeichel who ensured that a team renowned for its wonderful goal scoring wasn't half bad at stopping the opposition having a sniff too.

Similarly, when Wright lines up for Arsenal, chances are that the opposition is already bracing itself, if it possibly can, for the unexpected. Frighteningly, even before the club invested in big-name partners such as Dennis Bergkamp and Marc Overmars, Wright was still banging them in with aplomb, very often carrying almost single-handed responsibility for the goals in some rather dull, defensive Arsenal sides.

His relationship with the adoring Highbury faithful speaks volumes for the high regard in which he is held. When the chant of "Wright, Wright" rolls down the North Bank, it isn't the sound of hero worship, more a connection between player and punter which most footballers can't hope to achieve.

And yet in the case of both Wright and Schmeichel, we will perhaps never know how close they have come in recent times to leaving their clubs. Certainly, during Bruce Rioch's troubled reign as Arsenal manager, it did appear Wright was on borrowed time. His relationship with Rioch fell to such a low that the public rows and moody body language only served to create the impression that he might be on his way. But when the parting eventually came, it was Rioch who was leaving and Wright was free to continue knocking them in, this time under the seemingly more caring, cultured reign of Arsene Wenger.

Schmeichel, too, was close to leaving. Stories came that the big man was having talks with Alex Ferguson about moving on. It was suggested that he was concerned about the future education of his son and a move back to Scandinavia might be high on the family agenda.

Both men are proud and committed to their cause, which sometimes spills over into some rather expansive posturing and gesturing on the field of play.

Indeed, that may be at the root of last year's little spat - two emotional, strong-willed characters clashing in the high-octane atmosphere of a top of the table clash.

LONDON CALLING

By Andy Cooper



CLOSING IN - Brugge's Khalilou Fadiga (second from right) seeks a way through Betar's Sergei Tartiak (5) Jan Telesnikov (4) and Yossi Abukais (8). (Brian Henderson)

Betar eclipse Brugge, 2-1

By DEBIE FATTAL

The City of Gold was treated to 90 minutes of pulsating soccer last night as Betar Jerusalem took the European stage by storm, registering a deserved 2-1 victory over Belgium's FC Brugge in the first round opening leg of their UEFA Cup tie. Betar's Hungarian duo of Istvan Pishont and Stefan Saloi proved their caliber on the night as each fired into the goal of Brugge keeper Dany Vanderlinden in the opening minutes of the second half to send the home fans into ecstasy, only for the Belgians to swiftly regain their senses and hit back in the 57th minute through Moroccan Nordin Jbari for a vital away goal.

The 8,000 spectators witnessed a Betar performance to savor, crowned by a lunar eclipse over Teddy Stadium as the final whistle blew.

Brugge coach Eric Gerets was full of praise for his counterpart Dror Kashan in the post-match press conference, rightly pointing

out that "Betar's game was full of quality. They moved the ball speedily from defense to attack to threaten us again and again on the break, and had the quality to get back and defend to make life difficult for our attack."

Although Gerets claimed not to be surprised by the brisiness of the Jerusalemite offense, Stefan Saloi in particular and the hard-working Nir Sevia repeatedly caused panic with their searing runs at the Belgian defense.

The action moved breathtakingly from end to end as both sides threw everything into attack from the kickoff in a physical game that was allowed to flow by the Swedish referee. The Betaris had the better of the early skirmishes. Kashan's tactics were to keep midfielders Pishont and Yossi Abukais in deep positions with the two of them releasing long balls to the ever-mobile Saloi and Sevia, the former almost getting on to the scoresheet twice in consecutive moves midway through the first period.

In the opposite goalmouth, smart work on the right by Gert Veyheyn saw the ball repeatedly fed into the box towards Jbari, by far the most dangerous of the visitors' three front men.

Unlike the previous European bout against Sporting Lisbon, the Jerusalemites' work in the opposition area possessed real venom, and Vanderlinden was left counting his lucky stars when Pishont rapped the crossbar with a wicked dipping shot six minutes before the interval.

A free kick one minute after the restart provided the basis for a glorious goal from Pishont who jinked forward with the ball to escape the attention of three defenders before releasing a thunderous shot into the top right-hand corner of the Brugge net.

With the Belgians still dazed, Pishont returned a wall pass with Saloi in the 50th minute, who unleashed another unstoppable shot to put Betar 2-0 up.

Perhaps surprised by their own

success, or just hindered by lack of experience at this level, the Jerusalemites then lost all semblance of organization and allowed their visitors to dictate the rest of the match. With Betar's midfield nowhere to be seen, Brugge hammered at the door, and the non-stop pressure was repaid by a goal from Jbari in the 57th minute as the Betar defense stood gaping.

As the moon faded from view, someone up there certainly seemed to favor the hosts as attack after attack was repelled in hap-hazard fashion to the increasing consternation of Brugge's famed captain Franky Van Der Elst.

The only blot on the landscape from an Israeli perspective - besides Jbari's goal - was the abhorrent racist chanting of Betar's "fans" against the Belgian side's two black players. The same conduct against Sporting resulted in a moderate fine being imposed by UEFA, but this clearly failed to curb the practice. It is to be hoped that Europe's governing body will

take a much stiffer line this time around to assure that the Betar management take real action to stop this menacing behavior.

While it is unlikely that the one-goal victory margin will be enough to take Betar through to the next round of the competition, this performance should be appreciated for what it was - a fine display on a magical night.

Betar Jerusalem: Itzik Kornfein, Eitan Mizrahi (Shmuelik Levy 46), Sergei Tartiak, Alon Harazi, Yossi Abukais, David Amsalem, Jan Telesnikov, Istvan Pishont, Stefan Saloi, Isvan Hamer (Ra'anan Deri 65), Nir Sevia.

FC Brugge: Dany Vanderlinden, Eric Deflandre, Pascal Renier, Vital Borkelmans, Franky Van Der Elst, Gert Verheyen, Loraazo Saelens, Khalilou Fadiga, Gert Claessens (Maxime Dhore 78), Nordin Jbari, Eric Addo.

In other UEFA Cup action last night, hosts Rapid Vienna beat Hapoel Peah Tikva 1-0, following a 37th-minute strike by Oliver Freund.

Celtic, Liverpool draw; Arsenal upset; Inter roll

LONDON (AP) - The first installment of the "Battle of Britain" ended in a 2-2 draw yesterday between Celtic and England's Liverpool in one of 32 games in the first round, first leg of the UEFA Cup.

The end-to-end rivalry before a 50,000 sellout at Parkhead stadium in Glasgow won't be settled until the second leg on September 30 in Liverpool.

Steve McManaman saved Liverpool with a blistering goal from 20 yards in the 90th minute to equalize.

Celtic, who fell behind 1-0 on a sixth-minute goal in the first half by 17-year-old Michael Owen, came back in the second half with a goal in the 52nd by Jackie McNamara and the go-ahead strike in the 73rd on a penalty by Simon Donnelly that beat Liverpool goalkeeper David James.

Arsenal, another of the favorites along with Liverpool to win the Premier League, were upset by PAOK Salonika 1-0 on a goal in the 61st by Costas Frantzeskos, who scored on a left-footed shot from 12 yards.

Arsenal played the match without Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp, who refuses to fly and decided a trip over land trip would take too long.

Girondins Bordeaux and Aston Villa played to a scoreless draw.

Spain's Athletic de Bilbao upended Italy's Sampdoria 2-1 on a goal in the 19th by Roberto Rios and another in the second half by Javi Gonzalez. Sampdoria's goal was in the 73rd by French midfielder Alain Boghossian. In Milan, Brazilian teammates Ronaldo

and Ze Elias scored second-half goals to give star-studded Internazionale of Milan a 2-0 victory against Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax.

Inter's widely expected victory against the Swiss underdogs at Milan's San Siro stadium came following a lackluster first half which ended 0-0.

Slovenian side Maribor Tezanic put up a spirited fight against Ajax, forcing the Dutch giant to settle for a 1-1 draw in Maribor.

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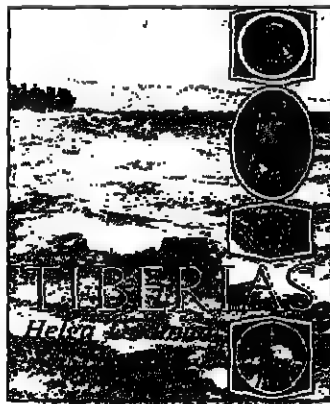
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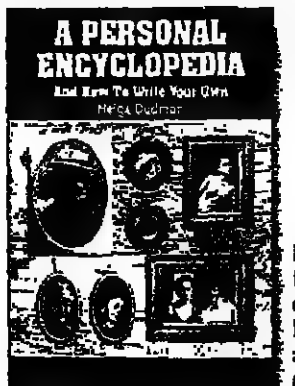
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Newcastle face Spanish giants

LONDON (AP) - Sir John Hall used FC Barcelona as a model when he built Newcastle United into an English soccer power. So it's only fitting that the biggest game in Newcastle's history finds the Magpies taking on the Spanish giants.

Today's Champions League game in Newcastle comes just 48 hours after Hall announced he was resigning as club chairman in December following six years in charge.

Hall helped rescue Newcastle from the threat of bankruptcy and relegation to the old third division. Spending £100 million in less than six years, he brought in stars like Alan Shearer and assembled a club which challenged for the Premier League title last season.

With Kenny Dalglish as manager, Newcastle will test themselves in elite European competition for the first time - against one of the powerhouses of European soccer and winner of last year's Cup Winners Cup.

Newcastle are missing Shearer, still out with a leg injury, and coming off a 3-1 home defeat to Wimbledon last weekend.

Barcelona, under new manager Louis van Gaal, lead the Spanish

league standings after three games. Midfielder Pep Guardiola, Brazilian Giovanni and Portuguese goalkeeper Vitor Baia are all out with injuries.

Newcastle-Barcelona is one of 12 Champions League games today, two in each of the six groups.

Defending champion Borussia Dortmund field a weakened team for its game in Turkey against Galatasaray, with five regulars missing.

Juventus, who play at home against Dutch club Feyenoord Rotterdam, have a lineup featuring star forwards Alessandro del Piero and Filippo Inzaghi and French midfielders Didier Deschamps and Zinedine Zidane.

Feyenoord has gotten off to a slow start, with two wins and three draws in its first five Dutch league matches.

Injuries have hobbled English champion Manchester United before their game against Kosice in Slovakia. Ryan Giggs, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, David May, Terry Cooke, Jordi Cruyff and Ronny Johnsen are all out. But the team got a boost yesterday when striker Teddy Sheringham said he has nearly fully recovered from broken ribs.

SCOREBOARD

English League Cup, second round, first leg: Blackpool 1, Coventry 0; Burnley 0, Stoke 4; Chesterfield 1, Barnsley 2; Fulham 0, Wolverhampton 1; Huddersfield 1, West Ham 0; Hull 1, Crystal Palace 0; Ipswich 1, Torquay 1; Leyton Orient 1, Bolton 3; Luton 1, West Bromwich 1; Middlesbrough 1, Barnet 0; Notts County 0, Tranmere 2; Oxford 4, York 1; Reading 0, Peterborough 0; Scunthorpe 0, Everton 1; Southampton 0, Derby 1; Sunderland 2, Bury 1; Watford 1, Sheffield United 1; Wimbledon 3, Millwall 1.

Ra'anana, Eilat win in EuroCup hoops

By ELI GROWER

Israeli clubs utilized the home-court advantage last night as Maccabi Ra'anana and Hapoel Eilat swept to victories in EuroCup action over Austria's St. Polten and Britain's London Towers, respectively.

Ra'anana 76, St. Polten 70. After two subpar games in local National League play, Paul Thompson gave a huge performance, scoring 23 points and grabbing 15 rebounds, to lead Ra'anana to victory in its European debut.

While Thompson was solid throughout, Mark Brisker provided the biggest basket of the night: a fadeaway jumper with two minutes left that gave Ra'anana a 69-66 advantage. Brisker (16 points) was fouled on the play, converted the ensuing free throw, and gave Ra'anana a comfortable lead that it preserved.

After falling behind early, Ra'anana clamped down defensively in the second half, allowing Austria's finest to tally just 27 points, enabling the locals to overcome a seven-point halftime deficit.

When Shibak's club fell behind it does best — making the extra pass and searching for the best possible shot. That offensive combination, along with a disciplined, man-to-man defense, sparked the comeback.

The first half was an entirely different story. Nedelko Escherich and Sergei Orkov combined on 5-8 from behind the arc. They were complemented by Godfrey Thompson, who had six points and two steals in the first seven minutes.

Thompson and Nedelko Askeritz paced Polten's scorers with 16 points apiece.

In other action, Eilat topped the London Towers, 93-81.

Morocco facing sanctions after Davis Cup forfeit

PARIS (AP) — Morocco could be kicked out of the Davis Cup for refusing to play in Israel this week.

Morocco cited security concerns for forfeiting the match, while Israel blamed politics for the decision.

Morocco was scheduled to play in Tel Aviv beginning Friday in the playoff for Euro-African Zone Group 1. The winner would advance to Group 2, with the loser relegated to Group 3.

The International Tennis Federation said Morocco submitted its team names 10 days before the

match, in compliance with the rules. But Moroccan officials later said the team would not go to Israel and would forfeit the match.

The ITF said the Davis Cup Committee would discuss any sanctions to be taken against Morocco at its next scheduled meeting October 7 in London.

According to Davis Cup regulations, any nation withdrawing from the competition is not eligible to take part in the competition the following year.

Moroccan tennis officials had requested the ITF to ask Israel to provide adequate security for the

match. The ITF Committee of Management made the request and Israel said it was able to provide the security.

Morocco maintained the security was not enough for its team, officials and fans and withdrew. The requests came in the wake of two recent bombings in Jerusalem.

The Israeli Tennis Association was informed of the Moroccan decision, according to ITA director general Yair Engel.

"We deeply regret that at the end of the 20th century politics was allowed to interfere with sport," Engel said.

Inaugural Ali Cup amateur boxing tournament under way

LOUISVILLE (AP) — The city of Louisville welcomed home its most beloved son Monday to kick off an international amateur boxing tournament that bears his name.

Slowly, Muhammad Ali rose, smiled and rang the ringside bell three times to signal the opening of the inaugural Muhammad Ali Cup International Amateur Boxing Challenge at the Commonwealth Convention Center.

Members of the 21 countries represented in the event marched into the arena bearing the flags of their home nations.

The event is expected to raise more than \$1 million for a planned Ali museum and education center in Louisville and several USA Boxing youth programs. It also will help determine members of the US team that will compete at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, in October.

"We are proud to be here on this unique occasion — a boxing competition in the name of the greatest of the great boxers the world has ever produced," said

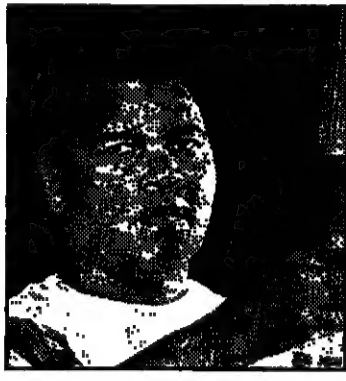
Anwar Chowdhry of Pakistan, the president of the International Amateur Boxing Association. "It is my wish and desire that this tournament should become an annual feature."

Nearly 100 boxers from more than 20 nations are to compete in the tournament.

The week will be capped by a star-studded tribute to amateur boxing, featuring the first appearance of Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield together since their June fight in which Tyson was disqualified for twice biting Holyfield on the ear.

The tribute will feature a mini concert by singer Natalie Cole; a reading of Ali's words by actor James Earl Jones; jokes by comedian and actor Jeff Foxworthy; and some lighthearted rounds of boxing, featuring the likes of Holyfield and Tyson taking on local celebrities, such as Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith and Louisville basketball coach Denny Crum.

There also will be three mini rounds of sparring with Ali and other boxing greats, with the cost of climbing into the ring starting at \$50,000.



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Report: Bobby Robson headed to Benfica

LISBON (AP) — English manager Bobby Robson will move to Lisbon to coach Benfica, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Benfica officials are unhappy with head coach Manuel Jose after Benfica's 1-1 draw Sunday against Académica in the third round of the Portuguese league and are looking to Robson as the replacement, according to the daily *Diário de Notícias*.

The 64-year-old Robson was replaced by Luis Van Gaal as FC Barcelona's head coach this season after a second place fin-

ish in the Spanish league last year. He is now Barcelona's general manager.

Robson, who coached the 1990 English national team, came to Barcelona from FC Oporto, where he guided the team to two league titles in 1995 and 1996.

"The English trainer could be the ace up the sleeve of the president of the club, Manuel Damasio," *Diário de Notícias* said.

Damasio is expected to present his proposal at Benfica's general assembly September 26.

SPORTS

in brief

New look to NHL All-Star Game

VANCOUVER (AP) — The NHL's All-Star game this season will have an international flavor with the North American All-Stars taking on the World All-Stars.

The game will be played Sunday, January 18, at General Motors Place in Vancouver, just three weeks before many of the same players compete in the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Under the new format, the top NHL players representing Canada and the US will face the top NHL players from the rest of the world. The starting lineups for both clubs will be selected in fan balloting.

Positive tests for steroids increase by 80%

LONDON (AP) — Ninety athletes tested positive for banned drugs in Britain over the past year, with an alarming 80 percent increase in findings for use of anabolic steroids, the UK Sports Council reported yesterday.

The council's annual anti-doping study reported that 98% of athletes tested negative in 4,469 controls carried out in 1996-97. "It is a great testament to the integrity of our athletes ... a result that confirms that the vast majority of our athletes compete drug free," said Michele Verroken, director of the council's anti-doping division.

Of the 90 positive findings, the majority were for stimulants (40) and anabolic agents (27).

Spaniard pulls out of British Masters

LONDON (AP) — Miguel Angel Martin, still fighting to be included on Europe's Ryder Cup team, yesterday withdrew from this week's British Masters because of continuing problems with his wrist.

The 35-year-old Spaniard hasn't competed since missing the cut at the British Open on July 18 and had wrist surgery last month.

He was removed from the team two weeks ago when he refused to play to prove he was healthy.

Martin asked European team officials to wait until the British Masters, which starts tomorrow, to decide if his wrist had healed enough to allow him to play against the US in the Ryder Cup, which begins in Spain on September 26.

Martin has threatened to sue after being dropped from the Ryder Cup. His removal allowed Spanish captain Seve Ballesteros to elevate the No. 11 player — Jose Maria Olazabal — to the team and still select Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik.

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Acre 1997: The show must go on

By HELEN KAYE

That theater artists have been pouring their creative blood and guts into the Acre Festival for the last four months has been lost in the ugly and unnecessary furor surrounding its funding. If the Acre Festival opens as planned on October 18, and that opening is by no means assured, there will be 14 plays in competition. Six of them will come from the Hammama (Hothouse) — first plays by the younger generation — as well as the street theater, which has become another festival tradition.

"The groups feel wretched," says festival artistic director Itzik Weingarten. "They feel humiliated, dispirited and demoralized, but they keep working. 'We're doing it for you and Gadi,' they tell me. 'We see how hard you're working and that gives us strength.'"

Gadi is festival producer Gad Oron, and the two have been working relentlessly since January to pry the promised NIS 1.5 million subsidy out of the Ministry of Education and Sports. The cumulative crises came to a head last week when the festival, for the third time this year, was promised an immediate infusion of NIS 250,000, contingent upon the receipt of a provisional balance sheet from the Arts and Culture Financial Trust (ACFT). ACFT was also ordered to sign contracts with the artists "forthwith."

Both promise and demands were enshrined in a handwritten memo to the ACFT from Dr. Dan Romen, head of the ministry's cultural section whose executive arm is the Arts and Culture Administration, to which the ACFT is subordinate.

The memo might have remained unwritten if Weingarten and a busload of Acre Festival participants hadn't made a last-ditch camp outside the ministry gates last Thursday, demanding to see Education Minister Ze'evulun Harmer, who has played



Itzik Weingarten in 'Dancing for Daddy,' in 1993. As artistic director for the Acre Theater Festival, he is frustrated by the lack of funds, yet he hopes that "audiences will come to support the festival if nothing else."

an absentee role in the entire fracas.

"The security guards at the ministry were very sympathetic," says Weingarten. "They understood our frustration and kept running up to the office begging [director-general] Benzion Dell to see us. Then, when they finally had to call the police because we

were making so much noise and insisting on coming in, they were so apologetic."

That was the moment when Dell invited a delegation into the office, which resulted not only in the memo but in a lengthy press release in which Dell expressed amazement that anybody might even think the minister

was interested in choking the festival. After all, he said "Harmer gave the green light to the first festival 18 years ago and was the minister for 11 festivals thereafter."

Red tape is responsible, said Dell soothingly, but now everything had been sorted out and the funds would flow. After all, the

festival had already received NIS 1.05 million. What he did not say was that, according to ACFT chairman Uri Ofer and not denied by the ministry, about 40% of this money had been diverted to other ACFT projects by ministry orders.

This year's festival is already smaller because its budget was slashed from NIS 4.2m. to NIS 3m. in June when the Treasury ordered 10% cuts across the board and that included the cultural budget. There are no visiting companies from abroad, no guest productions, and only local street-theater companies.

However, none of this numerical wrangling makes a bit of difference to the artists who have been digging into their own pockets for everything from paying for rehearsal space to putting the down payment on a pile of lumber for the set. They are supposed to get advances for these expenses.

Year after year, the Acre Festival attracts eager unknowns and some of the brightest names in Israeli theater.

They go to renew themselves, like Cameri actress Zahava Hara'el, who's directing an original play by Ephraim Cohen, *Fragments*. She doesn't want to talk to anybody because she's frazzled, running around trying to get rehearsal space.

Or they go to do something different, like Idit Zur and Gideon Shemer, who decided that Acre was the right place to do a play based on Aharon Appelfeld's novella *Kazarina*. Zur said she was sorry she ever had the idea to come to Acre and asked, "will I have to sell my house because of bureaucrats who don't care?"

Or they go to carry on with their chosen genre, like Gabi Eldor who has been working in fringe for the last 20 years. "Our experience has been so dreadful, I've become hardened to financial difficulties," she says. "Because we're crazy about the theater, the perception is that we'll go on anyway, and even if we do get money after

endless, endless bureaucracy, it's about enough to pay for one costume at Habimah."

She and long-time associate Yigal Eznai are doing a very physical movement theater piece called *The Alley of White Chairs*, which traces the history of an alley beside an old Jaffa house that once belonged to an Arab, now a Jordanian citizen, who comes back to see his old home. *Tonight We Dance*, Eldor's last piece at Acre, won first prize in 1990.

Truly original multimedia performance artist Anat Ben-David is creating *Bliss and Pieces* in which she performs with others for the first time.

Yossi Carmon, another Cameri theater stalwart, is directing *The POW*, a play by Yossi Hadar. Daniella Carmi's *Arava* looks at the experiences of two formerly mentally ill women.

The Hammama plays include *Peep Show* by Yael Ruby, with guidance from theater artist and critic Amir Uryun; *Stepan*, which creator Ronny Smal calls a comedy about a non-political murder; and *Interlude*, a compilation from the students allied to the ever-innovative Acre Theater Center.

The four-day Acre Festival usually attracts some 300,000 people. There has been talk that audiences will stay away because of the controversy this year's festival has aroused, an idea that Weingarten dismisses.

"The audiences will come to support the festival if nothing else. I know a lot of families who make the festival their Succot activity," he asserts.

By yesterday morning none of the promised money had yet been paid. Oron and ACFT general manager Galit Bawersky were once again on their way to Jerusalem, hopeful that the funds would be paid in this morning.

"We're very hopeful," she said. "So are we all. So much for promises."

The Talking Heads may be history, but David Byrne keeps inventing himself

By DAVID SEGAL

It's encore time at the Strand Nightclub in Providence, Rhode Island, and for a few eerie moments David Byrne seems to shuffle around the stage without his flesh.

The former frontman for the band Talking Heads, and one of rock's most charmingly inventive weirdos, Byrne is wearing a head-to-toe bodysuit of painted-on muscle and bone. With the lights dimmed, it looks as if the guy on the cover of *Gray's Anatomy* has come to life and is searching hard for a pain-killer and a glass of water.

"I can't seem to face up to the facts," he deadpans to the crowd of about 2,000. "I'm tense and nervous and I can't relax."

The melody is familiar, but the delivery is new. When Byrne sang "Psycho Killer" in 1977, he came off as a jittery neurotic who was close to actually cracking. Now 45, Byrne has turned the tune into ghoulish, witty theater.

"I'm less a tense-and-nervous-can't-relax kind of guy," said Byrne the morning after the show. "I think I'm much more inclusionary, bringing new ideas and stuff in. And I'm not as shy as I used to be."

For the first time in his two-decade career, Byrne finally seems comfortable in his own skin. Touring in support of his fifth and finest solo record, *Feelings*, he has shed much of the ethereal diffidence and edgy intensity he's radiated since his varied adventures as a pop star and multimedia artist began.

Melding elements of new wave, funk, African tribal rhythms and whatever else caught his ear, Byrne has spent much of the past 20 years crafting records as playfully befuddling as they are danceable.

First with Talking Heads and later as a solo artist, his music seemed to offer listeners several options: They could puzzle over the semi-sensical lyrics; try to decipher Byrne's cryptic onstage mannerisms; or just hit the floor and boogie.

He also has collaborated with avant-garde artists like composer Philip Glass and choreographer Twyla Tharp, and starred in the much-acclaimed 1984 concert film *Stop Making Sense*.

In 1986 he directed his own movie, *True Stories*, and the following year won an Academy Award for his soundtrack for Bernardo Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor*. Through it all, he has projected that oddest of public personae: the introverted celebrity.

Byrne still occasionally resembles an unblinking mad scientist who'd rather be in his lab. But more than a decade after he showed up on the cover of *Time* magazine, anointed as "Rock's Renaissance Man," he sounds more at peace with fame's klieg lights than ever.

"Getting on stage was a form of compensation for a long time," he said, looking the same as he ever did, with just a few flecks of gray intruding on his close-cropped dark hair. "It's as though shy peo-



The David Byrne of old (above) has shed much of his edgy intensity and seems to finally be comfortable in his own skin.

ple need to perform or they're going to pick up a gun and kill a bunch of people or do something obsessive like write a great novel. I guess today when I'm up there, I'm compensating for something else — like having to live a normal life."

"Normal" might be overstating it. Byrne has some trappings of normality these days, including a wife, Bonny Lutz, and an eight-year-old daughter named Malu. When he isn't touring the world, he lives in Manhattan and helps run Luaka Bop, a label he founded in 1988 to produce his music and that of world-beat acts he likes.

As he comes out of his shell and moves into middle age, however, Byrne is making few concessions to conventionality.

Family values be damned — the man is a full-time itinerant artist, spending most of his days combing the globe for new influences to blend into his music and new artists to record.

A collection of photographs taken during his wanderings, culled from his 1995 book *Strange Ritual*, is now touring museums.

"My wife puts up with a lot of

crap," he said with an impish grin. "But if I had a regular 9-to-5 job, I'd go nuts."

Unlike a lot of aging hipsters and rock icons who run out of ideas when they grow up, Byrne is brimming with new projects. And judging from the crowd that showed up to dance, sing along and gawk the opening night of the tour, he also has a new audience to confuse.

Many of the fans at the recent Providence show weren't even born in 1975, the year that Byrne, along with Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth, formed Talking Heads a few blocks away at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Others said they were introduced to his music by, of all people, their parents.

"Everybody should be so hip when they get that old," said twentysomething Amanda Grogan, after the show.

To fans who remember the elaborate stagecraft and minion of musicians from *Stop Making Sense*, the new show will seem as spare as karaoke.

Lacking the finances for a huge production and no longer hitting the charts, Byrne focuses the audience's visual attention on his

own eye-grabbing costumes and perplexing gestures. The result is a set that proves that few spectacles are quite as entertaining as an intelligent man doing something silly.

Accompanied by a three-piece band and a single backup singer, he arrived in a two-piece suit of fluffy, hot-pink angora and belted out a tic-filled version of "Once in

a Lifetime," a 1980 Talking Heads hit.

Later, he donned a kilt and a green T-shirt for his salsa-flavored new single, "Miss America," swishing his hips like Ricky Ricardo doing a rumba in a skirt.

"Rather than carrying around all the elaborate scenery and paraphernalia that I've sometimes used in the past and can't really afford now, I decided that I would just have a bunch of costumes made," he said. "I figured I could just wear the set, and the whole thing would fit in a trunk."

An equally original — and economical — concept spawned the 13 songs on *Feelings*.

After making about 20 rough-cut song demos, he sent the tapes to musician-producers he admires, including the British trip-hop trio Morcheeba, Seattle's Black Cat Orchestra, and self-proclaimed Devo. All were invited to choose a few songs they liked enough to help him record. Then he traveled to their studios and together they laid down the tracks.

If that sounds like the recipe for a messy hodgepodge, the surprise is that *Feelings* is easily Byrne's most irresistible solo record to date. It has heartfelt ballads (the lushly orchestrated torch song "They Are in Love"), a guitar thrasher ("The Gates of Paradise") and several futuristic-feeling dance numbers ("Miss America" and "Dance on Vaseline").

Even when the talent for hooks and melodies falters, his non-sequitur observations intrigue. ("When dogs make love they don't look at themselves/Checking out each other by the way they smell," he explains in "Burnt by the Sun.")

The sessions with Devo were held in Los Angeles at the Mutato Muzika, the studio run by Devo member Mark Mothersbaugh, and yielded the album's most sardonic ditty, "Wicked Little Doll."

"He's much more unguarded now than he used to be," said former Devo guitarist Jerry Casale. "I think both Talking Heads and Devo had the weight of being on the cutting edge when we started. Back then, he sort of had that unapproachable-artist thing going."

(The Washington Post)

Bombing scares off action hero

The US producers of Harrison Ford's new movie, *The Age of Aquarius*, canceled their three-week shoot in Israel following the September 4 suicide bombing in Jerusalem, the head of an Israeli production company said Tuesday.

The American producer, Branco Lustig, cited concern for the safety of the crew and actors and the fact that he could not obtain war-risk insurance, said Zvi Spielman, head of the Israeli production company Israfilm. The scenes that were to be filmed in Israel will

now be shot in Morocco, Spielman said.

According to Spielman, a government-owned insurance company used to offer war-risk insurance to foreign movie productions. The program was canceled in 1992.

He said the bombing also scared off American director William Friedkin, who was considering shooting a movie in Israel based on the book *O Jerusalem!*. Friedkin had second thoughts because actors would not agree to come to Israel for security reasons. (AP)

Musical Nights of Autumn
at the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem

Presents:
Chamber Music Quartet
Saturday night Sept. 20

Daphna Peled - flute, Ruth Izorvitz - Eyal-flute,
Sharon Greenstein - cello, Daphna Gam - Harpsichord.

Program: Quantz, Haydn, Telemann, Händel and Bach.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

ENGLISH LECTURE

HELEN KAYE

This is for those who are fascinated by ancient religious art. Maxine Blendis, an artist and calligrapher, lectures on representational art in a third-century synagogue.

At Jerusalem's Bible Lands Museum tonight at 7:30.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Yet another dusty tape has been dragged out of some production company's archives to cash in on the 20th anniversary of the death of King of Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis Presley. For those fans who have not yet had enough of the current wave of nostalgia, *Elvis in Hawaii* will be screened on Channel 3 (33) tonight at 10:00.

Elvis gave two concerts in Hawaii in 1973 to raise money for fighting cancer. The second was broadcast live to over a billion viewers worldwide and the album stayed at the top of the charts for over a year.

The concert to be aired tonight is the first of the two, reportedly never seen on TV.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** - DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS - This small, sweet comic drama is as notable for what it isn't as for what it is. In thoroughly unsensational terms, the BBC-produced film, directed with frankness and affection by Richard Spence, tells the story of two school friends who meet up again as adults: cutie-pie Prentice (Rupert Graves) is now a tough, good-hearted motorcycle delivery boy, while Karl has undergone a sex-change operation



Rupert Graves is Prentice, a tough, good-hearted delivery boy, in 'Different for Girls.'

and become Kim (Steven Mackintosh), a primly dressed blonde with a job writing hearts-and-flowers verse for a greeting-card company. While it's fairly clear from the outset where relations between the two are headed, Tony Marchant's script is remarkably attentive to psychological detail, and it never once takes the potential romance for granted. Both of the actors manage, as well, to convey with delicate conviction the complexity of the situation. In many ways, Kim's sex-change operation is the smallest obstacle to their getting together, and just one of the movie's concerns: the film also manages to ask where platonic love gives way to sexual attraction, and how much our sense of the past (or our past selves) affects who we are today. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

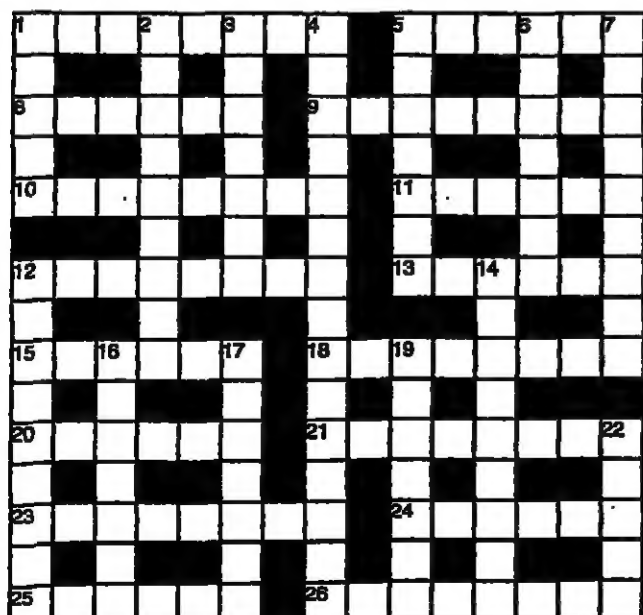


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- DOWN**
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 - 2 Gripping article about religious instruction by learners (9)
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 - 25 Make more profound for given bird (8)
 - 26 Del or Len could have registered (8)

- 4 Non-stop flight (6-9)**
- 5 Nothing placed in the middle of moving target in a method of execution! (7)**
- 6 Exist with Old Nick in torment (7)**
- 7 Other brain mixture that is obnoxious (9)**
- 12 Spelling aid (5,4)**
- 14 Of a public speaker or a politician, say, and a novice (9)**
- 16 Resisting wear that's permanent (7)**
- 17 After time, give motive for the crime (7)**
- 19 One quadruples it (7)**
- 22 Challenged revolutionary US lawyer first (6)**



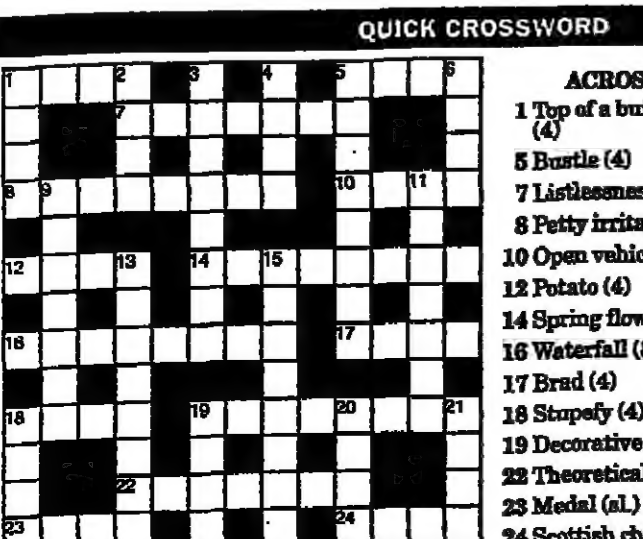
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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Top of a building (4)
- 5 Buntle (4)
- 7 Laidness (7)
- 8 Petty irritation (8)
- 10 Open vehicle (4)
- 12 Potato (4)
- 14 Spring flowers (8)
- 16 Waterfall (8)
- 17 Brad (4)
- 18 Stupefy (4)
- 19 Decorative (8)
- 22 Theoretical (7)
- 23 Medal (4)
- 24 Scottish church (4)

DOWN

- 1 Hindquarters (4)
- 2 Fall heavily (4)
- 3 Badges of office (8)
- 4 Male rabbit (4)
- 5 Resistance (8)
- 6 Conditment (4)
- 9 Engraft (7)
- 11 Italian composer (7)
- 13 Flowing off gradually (8)
- 15 Turning (8)
- 16 Plunder (4)
- 19 Military body (4)
- 20 Lustrous fibre (4)
- 21 Irish seaport (4)

TV

CHANNEL 1

8:30 News flash
8:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Religions of the World
8:30 Family Album
8:50 Science
9:25 English
9:40 Arithmetic
10:00 For the very young (Arabic)
11:00 Science
11:30 Music
12:00 Art
12:30 Cartoons
14:30 High School Basketball - live broadcast of the first half of Ironi Tel Aviv vs Ironi Kiryat Beik

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Pink Panther
15:55 Super Ben
16:25 Boy Meets World
16:55 Super Ben
17:25 Garfield
17:55 A New Evening
18:25 Best of Zappy Wave
18:55 Super Ben
19:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Four Seasons
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

18:30 News flash
18:55 Garfield
19:25 Olive Oil - new program on Mediterranean cuisine
20:00 News
20:30 Conference Call
21:20 Radioland Murders (1994) - who-did-it comedy about backstage murders on the opening night of a Chicago rock station in 1939. With Mary Stuart Masterson, Brian Benben and Ned Beatty. Directed by Mel Smith
23:05 Pacific Street
23:30 News
00:00 Daily Verse

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's programs
7:00 Colles with Tel-Ad
8:00 Ruby
10:00 Picket Fences
11:00 Thunder Alley
11:20 Empty Nest
12:00 Brotherly Love - new sitcom
12:30 Doogie Howser, MD
13:00 Riding High
13:30 Junior News
14:00 Degraded Junior High
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 Timon and Pumbaa; Quack Pack
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:30 Different Driving
17:00 News magazine
17:30 SportsTV
18:00 Port Charles - new drama
18:30 The Price is Right - with Alvin Karpis
19:25 Around the World with Eyal Peled
20:00 News
20:30 Best of Comedy Show
21:15 Lance Burton: The Encounter - magic show
22:20 Almost 50 - four-part series examining the State of Israel as it approaches its 50th year.
23:30 Hollywood Men
00:00 News
00:35 Midnight Shorts
01:35 Herman's Head
1:00 Damien - Oran Il (1978) - an eco-

FAMILY CHANNEL

7:00 Good Evening
8:00 Dallas (pt)
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt)
11:15 Zingara (pt)
12:00 Babylon 5
12:45 Due South
13:30 Frasier
14:00 Dallas
14:30 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Ricki Lake

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Doctors hold strike today

By JUDY SIEGEL

Doctors in most public hospitals will walk off their jobs today for 24-hours, to protest the Treasury's planned cuts in the health budget.

The Israel Medical Association said that the strike is a demonstration against the Finance Ministry's failure to carry out an agreement to add more doctors' positions and plans for overall changes in the health system.

A statement also accused the Treasury of trying to destroy the National Health Insurance Law.

The strike will encompass all the public hospitals - government, Kupat Holim and those owned by voluntary organizations - except for Laniado in Netanya, whose workers' contracts contain a no-strike clause.

All will operate on a Shabbat schedule, except for delivery rooms, neonatal units, emergency rooms, dialysis units, and oncology departments, which will operate normally. Hospital outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes will be closed.

Also striking are health fund doctors - including those with private offices. Only some clinics offering urgent medical care will open.

Meanwhile, the union of government hospital administrative, maintenance and technical staff will hold assemblies from 10 a.m. to noon today. The union has also threatened to strike in demand of more positions.

In an apparent attempt to ease tensions, Treasury budget chief David Milgrom and his deputy, Haim Peltz, told reporters yesterday that they had agreed to give the Health Ministry veto power in deciding how much health funds could charge for services beyond their regular service basket.

The option of charging for services such as visits to doctors,

"will encourage efficiency and competition among the health funds and give them more freedom of action," the budget chiefs said.

"Unless structural changes are made, along with modifications of the National Health Insurance Law, the health system will cause major macro-economic problems," Milgrom said.

He said that the law "encouraged unhealthy competition." He accused health funds of wasting money by building fancy clinics to attract patients.

Milgrom said the Treasury planned to try to hold down expenses in small communities by choosing a single health fund for each area. He said that the funds would be monitored to try to prevent them from forming cartels.

Health Ministry Director-General Gabi Barabash accused the Treasury of planning to get the public to foot the bill for a NIS 1.3 million deficit in the health system.

"The Treasury boys want the public to pay for it," he said. "The Finance Ministry is trying to present things as if there will be no cut in the basket of health services, when this is far from the truth."

Barabash also urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to ensure that the Treasury honor an agreement signed in March to increase the number of positions for doctors at public hospitals.

"The Treasury has not budgeted the hospitals for this, despite repeated requests and warnings by hospital directors and the IMA," Barabash wrote.

Peltz claimed yesterday that 66 new positions have been allocated for the coming year. But Barabash alleged that the Treasury is expecting the hospitals to pay for the additions.

Protesters stage demo at Rabin memorial

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised Tel Aviv residents that he would advance the subway train project, reinstate the slum rehabilitation budget and sell the site of Sde Dov Airport.

Netanyahu promised to present the subway plan this year. Mayor Ronni Milo, who hosted the prime minister, has promised to build a subway since his election campaign four years ago but has made no progress.

Netanyahu said relocating Sde Dov Airport will permit its use for housing and funds from the sale will go to the defense ministry.

A few meters from the reception given Netanyahu on the roof of the Gan Ha'ir shopping mall adjacent to City Hall, members of the Peace Guard demonstrated against him at the memorial for prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The demonstrators had arrived at the site of Rabin's assassination early in the morning "to make sure Netanyahu doesn't set foot in this place," one protester said.

She explained that "he has no right to be here, after he incited against Rabin. A month ago a picture was published of the demonstration in March 1995, showing that Netanyahu did see the coffin plus a hanging rope, which he said he did not see. He still hasn't apologized."

Netanyahu expressed regret that the protest took place, which caused him to cancel his earlier plans to lay a wreath at Rabin's memorial.

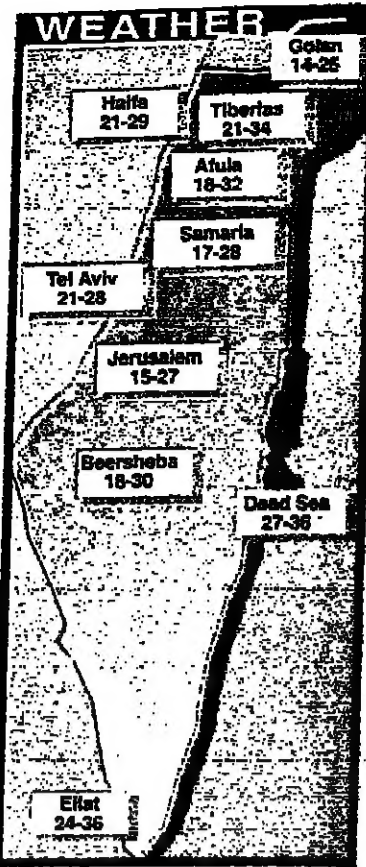
"It's time to stop this terrible incitement and put aside these arguments and accusations, which are against half the nation, and let the wounds heal."

At a meeting later with slum representatives, they complained that the budget for slum rehabilitation was cut and funds were going to the settlements in the territories. Netanyahu promised to re-allocate NIS 5 million to the slums.

Netanyahu to Tel Avivians: Subway in, Sde Dov out



Protesters stand at the memorial to late premier Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv. One poster says, "we won't forget, won't forgive."



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Winning cards and numbers

In the first daily Chance drawing yesterday, the winning cards were the ace of spades, 9 of hearts, ace of diamonds and king of clubs.

In the second drawing, the winning cards were the king of spades, jack of hearts, nine of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.

The winning numbers in yesterday's weekly Lotto drawing were 21, 22, 29, 31, 34 and 43. The supplementary number was 13.

Eitan: No need for my ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL

As Science Ministry workers shouted "Mickey go home" outside his door yesterday, Minister Michael Eitan fought back against criticism of his plans to shut the ministry down.

"Instead of being in charge of a grocery-store operation that allocates only NIS 100 million for basic research," he said, "I want a statutory, professional, and non-political National Council for Research and Development (NCRD) to supervise the NIS 7 billion spend on R&D in this country."

In a press briefing, Eitan - who has been minister for two months and is due to hand the job over to his rotation partner, Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom - claimed his plan would more than double the budget for basic research to NIS 220 million a year.

He distributed letters of endorsement from Prof. Ya'acov Ziv, president of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities; Prof. Nehemia Levtzion, of the Council for Higher Education; and Prof. Yitzhak Parnas, chairman of the NCRD, and dismissed protests from senior Technion professors and the previous director-general of the Science Ministry, Zvi Yarnai.

Eitan said that after spending "hundreds of working hours" examining his ministry's functioning and meeting all 80 employees, he was able to study the painfully thin budget booklet representing the ministry's expenditures. The ministry, he said, is responsible for only about 1.5 percent of all R&D in the country.

"We have two staffers to look after our library. Why do we need a library for 80 employees... I have a Chief Scientist's Office, which is very expensive, a deputy director-general for manpower, a director-general, and spokeswomen, and each of these has more employees... I understand their personal problem, but why do we need such a ministry, which was created in 1982 to give a portfolio to Prof. Yuval Ne'eman to bring the Tzvi party into the coalition?"

Eitan intends to serve as science minister out of the Prime Minister's Office - taking with him some 20 professionals from the ministry. Some of the others can find jobs in other government ministries, he added.

Neeman attacks religious council waste

By DAVID HARRIS

Denying recent media reports that he is planning to close the Religious Affairs Ministry and abolish the religious councils, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday said he is not expecting yeshiva students to give up learning in order to work.

However, he did call for an end to public funding for those who have already completed their yeshiva education.

"It is unwise to continue with a system whereby ex-yeshiva students should continue to be under that umbrella, not working, not learning and yet getting government support," said Neeman.

Israel is short of 20,000 computer programmers and it is there that religious communities could make their mark, said the minister.

During his recent visit to Japan, Neeman learned of the great interest there in Israeli software and believes the country's high-tech exports can continue to grow, with the full integration of the haredim.

Speaking to journalists, Neeman also attacked wastage and excess overheads in the religious councils, which he said were not alone in needing trimming.

In the Migdal Haemek region, for example, there are six or seven religious councils, each with a chairman with a salary equal to that of a mayor, supported by several deputies.

Each of these councils deals with kashrut, marriage and cemeteries.

"We need to readjust in Israel," said Neeman.

The decision not to include pro-

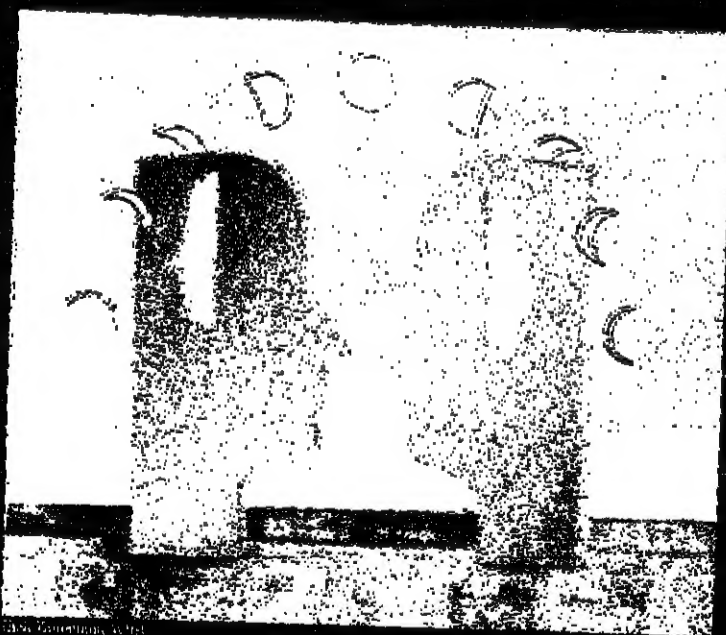


Yaakov Neeman (Bryan McBratney)

posals for reforming the councils in the 1998 budget was taken with the belief that more time is needed to decide on the exact measures to be implemented and in order to persuade the religious parties of the benefits of rationalization.

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